# UNITED STATES

#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2021

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ Commission File Number: 000-54691



# PHILLIPS EDISON & COMPANY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

27-1106076 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

11501 Northlake Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio

(Address of principal executive offices)

45249

(Zip code)

(513) 554-1110

(Registrant's telephone number, including area

code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
None	None	None
		ion 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 as been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes 🗵 No 🗆

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

Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer	
Non-accelerated filer	Smaller reporting company	
	Emerging growth company	

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes 🗆 No 🗵

As of April 15, 2021, there were 280.8 million outstanding shares of common stock of the Registrant.

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# **ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# PHILLIPS EDISON & COMPANY, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS AS OF MARCH 31, 2021 AND DECEMBER 31, 2020

(Condensed and Unaudited) (In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Ma	arch 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
ASSETS			
Investment in real estate:			
Land and improvements	\$	1,549,667 \$	1,549,362
Building and improvements		3,205,125	3,237,986
In-place lease assets		440,009	441,683
Above-market lease assets		65,212	66,106
Total investment in real estate assets		5,260,013	5,295,137
Accumulated depreciation and amortization		(980,981)	(941,413)
Net investment in real estate assets		4,279,032	4,353,724
Investment in unconsolidated joint ventures		33,813	37,366
Total investment in real estate assets, net		4,312,845	4,391,090
Cash and cash equivalents		20,258	104,296
Restricted cash		41,995	27,641
Goodwill		29,066	29,066
Other assets, net		138,068	126,470
Real estate investment and other assets held for sale		24,369	
Total assets	\$	4,566,601 \$	4,678,563
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities:			
Debt obligations, net	\$	2,276,972 \$	2,292,605
Below-market lease liabilities, net		97,865	101,746
Earn-out liability		38,000	22,000
Derivative liabilities		42,970	54,759
Deferred income		19,127	14,581
Accounts payable and other liabilities		80,152	176,943
Liabilities of real estate investment held for sale		2,109	—
Total liabilities		2,557,195	2,662,634
Commitments and contingencies (Note 8)		_	_
Equity:			
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share, 10,000 shares authorized, zero shares issued and			
outstanding at March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020		_	_
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, 1,000,000 shares authorized, 280,746 and 279,836			
shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively		2,807	2,798
Additional paid-in capital ("APIC")		2,746,891	2,739,358
Accumulated other comprehensive loss ("AOCI")		(41,695)	(52,306)
Accumulated deficit		(1,023,155)	(999,491)
Total stockholders' equity		1,684,848	1,690,359
Noncontrolling interests		324,558	325,570
Total equity		2,009,406	2,015,929
Total liabilities and equity	\$	4,566,601 \$	4,678,563
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See notes to consolidated financial statements.

PHILLIPS EDISON & COMPANY, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2021 AND 2020 (Condensed and Unaudited) (In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended March 31,				
	2021		2020		
Revenues:					
Rental income	\$ 127,623	\$	128,466		
Fees and management income	2,286		2,165		
Other property income	472		892		
Total revenues	 130,381		131,523		
Operating Expenses:					
Property operating	22,202		21,762		
Real estate taxes	16,573		17,112		
General and administrative	9,341		10,740		
Depreciation and amortization	55,341		56,227		
Impairment of real estate assets	5,000		-		
Total operating expenses	 108,457		105,841		
Other:					
Interest expense, net	(20,063)		(22,775)		
Gain (loss) on disposal of property, net	13,841		(1,577)		
Other (expense) income, net	(15,585)		9,869		
Net income	 117		11,199		
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(14)		(1,430)		
Net income attributable to stockholders	\$ 103	\$	9,769		
Earnings per common share:					
Net income per share attributable to stockholders - basic and diluted (Note 10)	\$ 0.00	\$	0.03		
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income	\$ 117	\$	11,199		
Other comprehensive income (loss):					
Change in unrealized value on interest rate swaps	12,120		(43,364)		
Comprehensive income (loss)	12,237		(32,165)		
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(14)		(1,430)		
Change in unrealized value on interest rate swaps attributable to noncontrolling interests	(1,509)		5,574		
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to stockholders	\$ 10,714	\$	(28,021)		

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

PHILLIPS EDISON & COMPANY, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2021 AND 2020 (Condensed and Unaudited) (In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2021 and 2020													
	Commo Shares	n Stock Amoun	t		APIC		ΑΟϹΙ	ļ	Accumulated Deficit	s	Total tockholders' Equity	ontrolling erests	7	Total Equity
Balance at January 1, 2020	289,047	\$ 2,	390	\$	2,779,130	\$	(20,762)	\$	(947,252)	\$	1,814,006	\$ 354,788	\$	2,168,794
DRIP	1,436		14		15,926		_		_		15,940	_		15,940
Share repurchases	(288)		(3)		(2,697)				—		(2,700)	—		(2,700)
Change in unrealized value on interest rate swaps	_		_		_		(37,790)		_		(37,790)	(5,574)		(43,364)
Common distributions declared, \$0.17 per share	_		_		_		_		(48,809)		(48,809)	_		(48,809)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	_		_		_		_				_	(7,105)		(7,105)
Share-based compensation	103		1		140		_		—		141	(290)		(149)
Conversion of noncontrolling interests	118		1		1,304		_		_		1,305	(1,305)		
Net income			_		_				9,769		9,769	 1,430		11,199
Balance at March 31, 2020	290,416	\$ 2,9	903	\$	2,793,803	\$	(58,552)	\$	(986,292)	\$	1,751,862	\$ 341,944	\$	2,093,806
Balance at January 1, 2021	279,836	\$ 2,	798	\$	2,739,358	\$	(52,306)	\$	(999,491)	\$	1,690,359	\$ 325,570	\$	2,015,929
DRIP	842		8		7,360		_		—		7,368	_		7,368
Share repurchases	(73)		—		(123)		_		_		(123)	_		(123)
Change in unrealized value on interest rate swaps	_		_		_		10,611		_		10,611	1,509		12,120
Common distributions declared, \$0.085 per share	_		_		_		_		(23,767)		(23,767)	_		(23,767)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	—		—				_		—		—	(3,319)		(3,319)
Share-based compensation	141		1		325		_		_		326	784		1,110
Other			_		(29)		_		—		(29)	—		(29)
Net income			_		_				103		103	 14		117
Balance at March 31, 2021	280,746	\$ 2,	307	\$	2,746,891	\$	(41,695)	\$	(1,023,155)	\$	1,684,848	\$ 324,558	\$	2,009,406

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

# PHILLIPS EDISON & COMPANY, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2021 AND 2020 (Condensed and Unaudited) (In thousands)

	Three Mor	nths Ended March 31,
	2021	2020
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 1	11,199
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization of real estate assets	54,3	341 54,817
Impairment of real estate assets	5,0	
Depreciation and amortization of corporate assets	1,0	000 1,410
Net amortization of above- and below-market leases	8)	338) (788)
Amortization of deferred financing expenses	1,2	227 1,251
Amortization of debt and derivative adjustments	3	354 1,061
(Gain) loss on disposal of property, net	(13,8	341) 1,577
Change in fair value of earn-out liability	16,0	000 (10,000)
Straight-line rent	(1,4	124) (2,288)
Share-based compensation		110 (149)
Return on investment in unconsolidated joint ventures	1,5	546 246
Other	(5	567) 707
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Other assets, net	(10.7	787) (15,117)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(4,4	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Net cash provided by operating activities	48,7	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	-0,1	00,010
Real estate acquisitions	(39.8	350) (4,319)
Capital expenditures	(13,5	, , , ,
Proceeds from sale of real estate	58.3	
Investment in third parties		000) —
Return of investment in unconsolidated joint ventures		721 424
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Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	4,6	690 (2,413)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		55.000
Proceeds from revolving credit facility		— 55,000
Payments on revolving credit facility	(i.e	— (21,000)
Payments on mortgages and loans payable	(16,5	
Distributions paid, net of DRIP	(24,2	, , , ,
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(4,5	
Repurchases of common stock	(77,7	, , ,
Other		(29) —
Net cash used in financing activities	(123,1	(43,733)
NET DECREASE IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND RESTRICTED CASH	(69,6	684) (10,533)
CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND RESTRICTED CASH:		
Beginning of period	131,9	937 95,108
End of period	\$ 62,2	253 <b>\$</b> 84,575
RECONCILIATION TO CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,2	258 \$ 36,532
Restricted cash	41,9	995 48,043
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of period	\$ 62.2	253 \$ 84,575
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#### PHILLIPS EDISON & COMPANY, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued) FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2021 AND 2020 (Condensed and Unaudited) (In thousands)

	2021	2020
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW DISCLOSURE, INCLUDING NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 18,891	\$ 20,329
Right-of-use ("ROU") assets obtained in exchange for new lease liabilities	194	551
Accrued capital expenditures	3,442	3,392
Change in distributions payable	(7,897)	77
Change in distributions payable - noncontrolling interests	(1,211)	(3)
Change in accrued share repurchase obligation	(77,642)	(2,476)
Distributions reinvested	7,368	15,940

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

# Phillips Edison & Company, Inc. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Condensed and Unaudited) March 31, 2021

### **1. ORGANIZATION**

Phillips Edison & Company, Inc. ("we," the "Company," "PECO," "our," or "us") was formed as a Maryland corporation in October 2009. Substantially all of our business is conducted through Phillips Edison Grocery Center Operating Partnership I, L.P., (the "Operating Partnership"), a Delaware limited partnership formed in December 2009. We are a limited partner of the Operating Partnership, and our wholly-owned subsidiary, Phillips Edison Grocery Center OP GP I LLC, is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership.

We are a real estate investment trust ("REIT") that invests primarily in well-occupied, grocery-anchored, neighborhood and community shopping centers that have a mix of creditworthy national, regional, and local retailers that sell necessity-based goods and services in strong demographic markets throughout the United States. In addition to managing our own shopping centers, our third-party investment management business provides comprehensive real estate and asset management services to two institutional joint ventures, in which we have a partial ownership interest, and one private fund (collectively, the "Managed Funds") as of March 31, 2021.

As of March 31, 2021, we wholly-owned 278 real estate properties. Additionally, we owned a 20% equity interest in Necessity Retail Partners ("NRP"), a joint venture that owned two properties, and a 14% interest in Grocery Retail Partners I LLC ("GRP I"), a joint venture that owned 20 properties.

# 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Set forth below is a summary of the significant accounting estimates and policies that management believes are important to the preparation of our condensed consolidated interim financial statements. Certain of our accounting estimates are particularly important for an understanding of our financial position and results of operations and require the application of significant judgment by management. For example, significant estimates and assumptions have been made with respect to the useful lives of assets, remaining hold period of assets, recoverable amounts of receivables, and other fair value measurement assessments required for the preparation of the consolidated interim financial statements. As a result, these estimates are subject to a degree of uncertainty.

Beginning in 2020, the coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic has caused significant disruption to our operations. All temporarily closed tenants have since been permitted to reopen. Some may be limiting the number of customers allowed in their stores, or have modified their operations in other ways that may impact their profitability, either as a result of government mandates or self-elected efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19. These actions, as well as the continuing economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, could result in increased permanent store closures. In addition to the permanent closures that have occurred in our portfolio, this could reduce the demand for leasing space in our shopping centers and result in a decline in occupancy and rental revenues in our real estate portfolio. Because of the adverse economic conditions that have occurred as a result of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing uncertainty related to the pandemic, it is possible that the estimates and assumptions that have been utilized in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements could change significantly. All of this activity impacts our estimates around the collectibility of revenue and valuation of real essets, goodwill and other intangible assets, and certain liabilities, among others.

There were no changes to our significant accounting policies during the three months ended March 31, 2021. For a full summary of our accounting policies, refer to our 2020 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 12, 2021.

Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation—The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") for interim financial information and with instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. Readers of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should refer to our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020, which are included in our 2020 Annual Report on Form 10-K. In the opinion of management, all normal and recurring adjustments necessary for the fair presentation of the unaudited consolidated financial statements for the periods presented have been included in this Quarterly Report. Our results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2021 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results expected for the full year.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include our accounts and those of our majority-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated upon consolidation.

Certain amounts in prior periods have been reclassified to conform to current presentation.

Income Taxes—Our consolidated financial statements include the operations of wholly-owned subsidiaries that have jointly elected to be treated as Taxable REIT Subsidiaries and are subject to U.S. federal, state, and local income taxes at regular corporate tax rates. We recognized an insignificant amount of federal, state, and local income tax expense for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, and we retain a full valuation allowance for our deferred tax asset. All income tax

amounts are included in Other (Expense) Income, Net on the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) ("consolidated statements of operations").

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements—On January 7, 2021, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2021-01 to amend the scope of the guidance in ASU 2020-04 on facilitation of the effects of reference rate reform on financial reporting. Specifically, the amendments in ASU 2021-01 clarify that certain optional expedients and exceptions in Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 848, *Reference Rate Reform* for contract modifications and hedge accounting apply to derivatives that are affected by the discounting transition. We adopted ASU 2021-01 upon its issuance and the adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Reclassifications—The following line items on our consolidated statement of cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2020 were reclassified to conform to current year presentation:

- Return on Investment in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures was listed on a separate line from Other Assets, Net; and
- Net Change in Credit Facility was separated into two lines, Proceeds from Revolving Credit Facility and Payments on Revolving Credit Facility.

#### 3. LEASES

Lessor—The majority of our leases are largely similar in that the leased asset is retail space within our properties, and the lease agreements generally contain similar provisions and features, without substantial variations. All of our leases are currently classified as operating leases. Lease income related to our operating leases was as follows for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020 (in thousands):

	March 31, 2021			March 31, 2020
Rental income related to fixed lease payments <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	94,966	\$	96,027
Rental income related to variable lease payments <sup>(1)</sup>		31,401		31,838
Straight-line rent amortization <sup>(2)</sup>		1,369		2,309
Amortization of lease assets		827		779
Lease buyout income		797		94
Adjustments for collectibility <sup>(2)(3)</sup>		(1,737)		(2,581)
Total rental income	\$	127,623	\$	128,466

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes rental income related to lease payments before assessing for collectibility.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes revenue adjustments for non-creditworthy tenants.

<sup>(3)</sup> Contains general reserves; excludes reserves for straight-line rent amortization.

Approximate future fixed contractual lease payments to be received under non-cancelable operating leases in effect as of March 31, 2021, assuming no new or renegotiated leases or option extensions on lease agreements, and including the impact of rent abatements, payment plans, and tenants who have been moved to the cash basis of accounting for revenue recognition purposes are as follows (in thousands):

Year	Amount
Remaining 2021	\$ 284,609
2022	351,031
2023 2024	303,854
2024	248,929
2025	193,599
Thereafter	470,135
Total	\$ 1,852,157

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we executed payment plans with our tenants. As of April 20, 2021, we have \$5.2 million of outstanding payment plans with our tenants, and we had recorded rent abatements totaling approximately \$4.4 million during 2021. These payment plans and rent abatements represented approximately 1.4% and 1.1% of our wholly-owned portfolio's annualized base rent ("ABR"), respectively. As of April 20, 2021, approximately 85% of payments are scheduled to be received by December 31, 2021 for all executed payment plans, and the weighted-average remaining term over which we expect to receive payment on executed payment plans is approximately twelve months. For the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, we had \$4.8 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, in unfavorable monthly revenue adjustments for tenants not considered creditworthy. These amounts include the estimated impact of tenants who have filed for bankruptcy. Revenue for tenants deemed non-creditworthy is only recorded as cash is received.

No single tenant comprised 10% or more of our aggregate ABR as of March 31, 2021. As of March 31, 2021, our wholly-owned real estate investments in Florida and California represented 12.4% and 10.4% of our ABR, respectively. As a result, the geographic concentration of our portfolio makes it particularly susceptible to adverse weather or economic events, including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, in the Florida and California real estate markets.

Lessee—Lease assets and liabilities, grouped by balance sheet line where they are recorded, consisted of the following as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 (in thousands):

Balance Sheet Information	Balance Sheet Location	March 31, 2021			December 31, 2020
ROU assets, net - operating leases	Investment in Real Estate	\$	4,032	\$	3,867
ROU assets, net - operating and finance leases	Other Assets, Net		1,260		1,438
Operating lease liability	Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities		5,774		5,731
Finance lease liability	Debt Obligations, Net		91		164

# 4. REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

Property Sales—The following table summarizes our real estate disposition activity (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months I	Ended March 31,
	2021	2020
Number of properties sold	6	3
Number of outparcels sold <sup>(1)</sup>	1	_
Proceeds from sale of real estate	\$ 58,356	\$ 17,447
Gain (loss) on sale of properties, net <sup>(2)</sup>	14,355	(826)

(1) The outparcel sold in the first quarter of 2021 was the only remaining portion of one of our properties, and therefore the sale resulted in a reduction in our total property count.

(2) The gain (loss) on sale of properties, net does not include miscellaneous write-off activity, which is also recorded in Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Property, Net on the consolidated statements of operations.

Subsequent to March 31, 2021, we sold two properties for \$20.2 million.

Acquisitions—The following table summarizes our real estate acquisition activity (dollars in thousands):

		Three Months E	nded March 31,	
		2021	20	20
Number of properties acquired		2		_
Number of outparcels acquired <sup>(1)</sup>		2		2
Total acquisition price	\$	39,850	\$	4,319
(1)				

<sup>(1)</sup> Outparcels acquired are adjacent to shopping centers that we own.

The fair value and weighted-average useful life at acquisition for lease intangibles acquired are as follows (dollars in thousands, weighted-average useful life in years):

		Three Months En	ded March 31, 2021	
	Fair Value			
In-place leases	\$	4,155	7	
Above-market leases		52	5	
Below-market leases		(1,652)	6	

Property Held for Sale—As of March 31, 2021, two properties were classified as held for sale. As of December 31, 2020, no properties were classified as held for sale. Properties classified as held for sale as of March 31, 2021 were under contract to sell, with no substantive contingencies, and the prospective buyers had significant funds at risk as of the reporting date. Subsequent to March 31, 2021, one of our held for sale properties was sold. A summary of assets and liabilities for the properties held for sale as of March 31, 2021, one of our held for sale properties was sold. A summary of assets and liabilities for the properties held for sale as of March 31, 2021 is below (in thousands):

March 31, 2021
\$ 23,852
517
\$ 24,369
\$ 1,866
243
\$ 2,109
\$ \$

# 5. OTHER ASSETS, NET

The following is a summary of Other Assets, Net outstanding as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, excluding amounts related to assets held for sale (in thousands):

		( )
	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Other assets, net:		
Deferred leasing commissions and costs	\$ 42,946	\$ 41,664
Deferred financing expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	13,971	13,971
Office equipment, ROU assets, and other	22,045	21,578
Corporate intangible assets	6,804	6,804
Total depreciable and amortizable assets	85,766	84,017
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(47,819)	(45,975)
Net depreciable and amortizable assets	37,947	38,042
Accounts receivable, net <sup>(2)</sup>	47,659	46,893
Accounts receivable - affiliates	1,073	543
Deferred rent receivable, net <sup>(3)</sup>	33,257	32,298
Prepaid expenses and other	15,132	8,694
Investment in third parties	3,000	
Total other assets, net	\$ 138,068	\$ 126,470

<sup>(1)</sup> Deferred financing expenses per the above table are related to our revolving line of credit and as such we have elected to classify them as an asset rather than as a contra-liability.

(2) Net of \$7.2 million and \$8.9 million of general reserves for uncollectible amounts as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively. Receivables that were removed for tenants considered to be non-creditworthy were \$19.6 million and \$22.8 million as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively.

(3) Net of \$5.1 million and \$4.4 million of adjustments as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively, for straight-line rent removed for tenants considered to be non-creditworthy.

# 6. DEBT OBLIGATIONS

The following is a summary of the outstanding principal balances and interest rates, which include the effect of derivative financial instruments, for our debt obligations as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 (dollars in thousands):

	Interest Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	March 31, 2021			December 31, 2020
Revolving credit facility	LIBOR + 1.4%	\$	—	\$	—
Term loans <sup>(2)</sup>	1.4% - 4.6%		1,622,500		1,622,500
Secured loan facilities	3.4% - 3.5%		395,000		395,000
Mortgages	3.5% - 7.2%		273,590		290,022
Finance lease liability			91		164
Assumed market debt adjustments, net			(1,587)		(1,543)
Deferred financing expenses, net			(12,622)		(13,538)
Total		\$	2,276,972	\$	2,292,605
Weighted-average interest rate			3.0 %		3.1 %

<sup>(1)</sup> Interest rates are as of March 31, 2021.

(2) Our term loans carry an interest rate of LIBOR plus a spread. While most of the rates are fixed through the use of swaps, there is a portion of these loans that are not subject to a swap, and thus are still indexed to LIBOR.

In April 2021, we repaid \$25.1 million in mortgage loans ahead of their scheduled maturities.

The allocation of total debt between fixed-rate and variable-rate as well as between secured and unsecured, excluding market debt adjustments and deferred financing expenses, net, and including the effects of derivative financial instruments (see Notes 7 and 12) as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, is summarized below (in thousands):

	March 31, 2021		December 31, 2020		
As to interest rate:					
Fixed-rate debt	\$ 1,598,681	\$	1,727,186		
Variable-rate debt	692,500	_	580,500		
Total	\$ 2,291,181	\$	2,307,686		
As to collateralization:					
Unsecured debt	\$ 1,622,500	\$	1,622,500		
Secured debt	668,681		685,186		
Total	\$ 2,291,181	\$	2,307,686		

#### 7. DERIVATIVES AND HEDGING ACTIVITIES

**Risk Management Objective of Using Derivatives**—We are exposed to certain risks arising from both our business operations and economic conditions. We principally manage our exposure to a wide variety of business and operational risks through management of our core business activities. We manage economic risks, including interest rate, liquidity, and credit risk, primarily by managing the amount, sources, and duration of our debt funding, and through the use of derivative financial instruments. Specifically, we enter into interest rate swaps to manage exposures that arise from business activities that result in the receipt or payment of future known and uncertain cash amounts, the value of which are determined by interest rates. Our derivative financial instruments are used to manage differences in the amount, timing, and duration of our known or expected cash payments principally related to our investments and borrowings.

Cash Flow Hedges of Interest Rate Risk—Interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges involve the receipt of variable amounts from a counterparty in exchange for our making fixed-rate payments over the life of the agreements without exchange of the underlying notional amount.

The changes in the fair value of derivatives designated, and that qualify, as cash flow hedges are recorded in AOCI and are subsequently reclassified into earnings in the period that the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings. During the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, such derivatives were used to hedge the variable cash flows associated with certain variable-rate debt. Amounts reported in AOCI related to these derivatives will be reclassified to Interest Expense, Net as interest payments are made on the variable-rate debt. During the next twelve months, we estimate that an additional \$18.9 million will be reclassified from AOCI as an increase to Interest Expense, Net.



The following is a summary of our interest rate swaps that were designated as cash flow hedges of interest rate risk as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 (dollars in thousands):

	Mar	March 31, 2021		December 31, 2020
Count		5		6
Notional amount	\$	930,000	\$	1,042,000
Fixed LIBOR		1.3% - 2.9%		1.3% - 2.9%
Maturity date		2022 - 2025		2021 - 2025

We assumed five hedges with a notional amount of \$570 million as a part of a merger. The fair value of the five hedges assumed was \$14.7 million and is amortized over the remaining lives of the respective hedges and recorded in Interest Expense, Net in the consolidated statements of operations. The net unamortized amount remaining as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 was \$4.7 million and \$5.0 million, respectively.

The table below details the nature of the gain and loss recognized on interest rate derivatives designated as cash flow hedges in the consolidated statements of operations (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2021	2020		
Amount of gain (loss) recognized in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$ 7,265 \$	(44,916)		
Amount of loss reclassified from AOCI into interest expense	4,855	1,552		

Credit-risk-related Contingent Features—We have agreements with our derivative counterparties that contain provisions where, if we default, or are capable of being declared in default, on any of our indebtedness, we could also be declared to be in default on our derivative obligations. As of March 31, 2021, the fair value of our derivatives in a net liability position, which included accrued interest but excluded any adjustment for nonperformance risk related to these agreements, was approximately \$43.0 million. As of March 31, 2021, we had not posted any collateral related to these agreements and were not in breach of any agreement provisions. If we had breached any of these provisions, we could have been required to settle our obligations under the agreements at their termination value of \$43.0 million.

# 8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation—We are involved in various claims and litigation matters arising in the ordinary course of business, some of which involve claims for damages. Many of these matters are covered by insurance, although they may nevertheless be subject to deductibles or retentions. Although the ultimate liability for these matters cannot be determined, based upon information currently available, we believe the resolution of such claims and litigation will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial statements.

**Environmental Matters**—In connection with the ownership and operation of real estate, we may potentially be liable for costs and damages related to environmental matters. In addition, we may own or acquire certain properties that are subject to environmental remediation. Depending on the nature of the environmental matter, the seller of the property, a tenant of the property, and/or another third party may be responsible for environmental remediation costs related to a property. Additionally, in connection with the purchase of certain properties, the respective sellers and/or tenants may agree to indemnify us against future remediation costs. We also carry environmental liability insurance on our properties that provides limited coverage for any remediation liability and/or pollution liability for third-party bodily injury and/or property damage claims for which we may be liable. We are not aware of any environmental matters which we believe are reasonably likely to have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

Captive Insurance—Our captive insurance company, Silver Rock Insurance, Inc. ("Silver Rock") provides general liability insurance, wind, reinsurance, and other coverage to us and our related-party joint ventures. We capitalize Silver Rock in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements.

Silver Rock established annual premiums based on the past loss experience of the insured properties. An independent third party was engaged to perform an actuarial estimate of projected future claims, related deductibles, and projected future expenses necessary to fund associated risk management programs. Premiums paid to Silver Rock may be adjusted based on these estimates, and such premiums may be reimbursed by tenants pursuant to specific lease terms.

As of March 31, 2021, we had four letters of credit outstanding totaling approximately \$8.0 million to provide security for our obligations under Silver Rock's insurance and reinsurance contracts.



### 9. EQUITY

General—The holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters voted on by stockholders, including one vote per nominee in the election of the Board. Our charter does not provide for cumulative voting in the election of directors.

On April 29, 2021, our board of directors ("Board") increased the estimated value per share ("EVPS") of our common stock to \$10.55 based substantially on the estimated market value of our portfolio of real estate properties and our third-party investment management business as of March 31, 2021. We engaged a third-party valuation firm to provide a calculation of the range in EVPS of our common stock as of March 31, 2021, which reflected certain balance sheet assets and liabilities as of that date. Previously, our EVPS was \$8.75, based substantially on the estimated market value of our portfolio of real estate properties and our third-party investment management business as of March 31, 2021. We engaged a third-party valuation firm to provide a calculation of the range in EVPS of our common stock as of March 31, 2021, which reflected certain balance sheet assets and liabilities as of that date. Previously, our EVPS was \$8.75, based substantially on the estimated market value of our portfolio of real estate properties and our third-party investment management business as of March 31, 2020.

**Dividend Reinvestment Plan**—The DRIP allows stockholders to invest distributions in additional shares of our common stock, subject to certain limits. Stockholders who elect to participate in the DRIP may choose to invest all or a portion of their cash distributions in shares of our common stock at a price equal to our most recent EVPS.

Stockholders who elect to participate in the DRIP, and who are subject to U.S. federal income taxation laws, will incur a tax liability on an amount equal to the fair value on the relevant distribution date of the shares of our common stock purchased with reinvested distributions, even though such stockholders have elected not to receive the distributions in cash.

The Third Amended and Restated Dividend Reinvestment Plan has been suspended, beginning with the distribution payable on April 1, 2021. Stockholders will receive their full monthly distribution of \$0.02833333 per share in cash until further notice.

Distributions—Distributions paid to stockholders and Operating Partnership unit ("OP unit") holders of record subsequent to March 31, 2021 were as follows (dollars in thousands, excluding per share amounts):

	Month	Date of Record	Monthly Distribution Rate		Date Distribution Paid		Gross Amount of Distribution Paid	Ne	t Cash Distribution
M	arch	3/19/2021	\$	0.02833333	4/1/2021	\$	9,059	\$	9,059
Ap	oril	4/19/2021		0.02833333	5/3/2021		9,059		9,059

On April 29, 2021, our Board authorized distributions for May 2021 to the stockholders of record at the close of business on May 17, 2021 equal to a monthly amount of \$0.02833333 per share of common stock. OP unit holders will receive distributions at the same rate as common stockholders. We pay distributions to stockholders and OP unit holders based on monthly record dates, and we expect to pay the May 2021 distributions on June 1, 2021.

Share Repurchase Program ("SRP")—The SRP provides an opportunity for stockholders to have shares of common stock repurchased, subject to certain restrictions and limitations. The Board reserves the right, in its sole discretion, at any time and from time to time, to reject any request for repurchase. The Fourth Amended and Restated Share Repurchase Program (the "Fourth Amended SRP"), which is currently limited to repurchases resulting from the death, qualifying disability, or the declaration of incompetence ("DDI") of stockholders, has been suspended, and the March 31, 2021 repurchases related to stockholder DDI were not executed. The SRP for both standard and DDI requests will remain suspended until further notice.

**Convertible Noncontrolling Interests**—As of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, we had approximately 40.1 million and 39.8 million outstanding OP units, respectively. Additionally, certain of our outstanding restricted share and performance share awards will result in the issuance of OP units upon vesting in future periods.

Under the terms of the Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership (the "Partnership Agreement"), OP unit holders may elect to exchange their OP units. The Operating Partnership controls the form of the redemption, and may elect to exchange OP units either for shares of our common stock, provided that the OP units have been outstanding for at least one year, or for cash. As the form of redemption for OP units is within our control, the OP units outstanding as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 are classified as Noncontrolling Interests within permanent equity on our consolidated balance sheets.

During the three months ended March 31, 2020, 0.1 million OP units were converted into shares of our common stock at a 1:1 ratio. There were no OP units converted into shares of our common stock for the three months ended March 31, 2021. The \$3.3 million and \$7.1 million of distributions for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, that have been paid on OP units are included in Distributions to Noncontrolling Interests on the consolidated statements of equity.

#### **10. EARNINGS PER SHARE**

We use the two-class method of computing earnings per share ("EPS"), which is an earnings allocation formula that determines EPS for common stock and any participating securities according to dividends declared (whether paid or unpaid). Under the two-class method, basic EPS is computed by dividing Net Income Attributable to Stockholders by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution that could occur from share equivalent activity.

OP units held by limited partners other than us are considered to be participating securities because they contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents, and have the potential to be exchanged for an equal number of shares of our common stock in accordance with the terms of the Partnership Agreement.



The impact of these outstanding OP units on basic and diluted EPS has been calculated using the two-class method whereby earnings are allocated to the OP units based on dividends declared and the OP units' participation rights in undistributed earnings. The effects of the two-class method on basic and diluted EPS were immaterial to the consolidated financial statements during the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of the earnings per share calculations (in thousands, except per share amounts):

		Three Months Ended March 31,			
		2021		2020	
Numerator:					
Net income attributable to stockholders - basic	\$	103	\$	9,769	
Net income attributable to convertible OP units <sup>(1)</sup>		14	_	1,430	
Net income - diluted	\$	117	\$	11,199	
Denominator:					
Weighted-average shares - basic		280,469		289,955	
OP units <sup>(1)</sup>		40,063		42,848	
Dilutive restricted stock awards		453		425	
Adjusted weighted-average shares - diluted		320,985		333,228	
Earnings per common share:					
Basic and diluted income per share	\$	0.00	\$	0.03	
<sup>(1)</sup> OP units include units that are convertible into common stock or cash, at the Operating Part	mershin's option. The Operating Partnership in	come or loss attributabl	e to these	OP units which is	

OP units include units that are convertible into common stock or cash, at the Operating Partnership's option. The Operating Partnership income or loss attributable to these OP units, which is included as a component of Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests on the consolidated statements of operations, has been added back in the numerator as these OP units were included in the denominator for all periods presented.

## **11. REVENUE RECOGNITION AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

**Revenue**—We have entered into agreements with the Managed Funds related to certain advisory, management, and administrative services we provide to their real estate assets in exchange for fees and reimbursement of certain expenses. Summarized below are amounts included in Fees and Management Income. The revenue includes the fees and reimbursements earned by us from the Managed Funds, and other revenues that are not in the scope of ASC Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, but that are included in this table for the purpose of disclosing all related party revenues (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,				
	2021	2020			
Recurring fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,216			
Transactional revenue and reimbursements <sup>(2)</sup>	468	430			
Insurance premiums <sup>(3)</sup>	693	519			
Total fees and management income	\$ 2,286	\$ 2,165			

<sup>(1)</sup> Recurring fees include asset management fees and property management fees.

(2) Transactional revenue includes items such as leasing commissions, construction management fees, and acquisition fees

<sup>(3)</sup> Insurance premium income includes amounts for reinsurance from third parties not affiliated with us.

Other Related Party Matters—We are the limited guarantor for up to \$190 million, capped at \$50 million in most instances, of debt for our NRP joint venture. As of March 31, 2021, the outstanding loan balance related to our NRP joint venture was \$32.1 million. As of March 31, 2021, we were also the limited guarantor of a \$175 million mortgage loan for GRP I. Our guaranty in both cases is limited to being the non-recourse carveout guarantor and the environmental indemnitor. Further, in both cases, we are also party to an agreement with our joint venture partners in which any potential liability under such guarantees will be apportioned between us and our applicable joint venture partner based on our respective ownership percentages in the applicable joint venture. We have no liability recorded on our consolidated balance sheets for either guaranty as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

#### **12. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The following describes the methods we use to estimate the fair value of our financial and nonfinancial assets and liabilities:

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Restricted Cash, Accounts Receivable, and Accounts Payable—We consider the carrying values of these financial instruments to approximate fair value because of the short period of time between origination of the instruments and their expected realization.



Real Estate Investments—The purchase prices of the investment properties, including related lease intangible assets and liabilities, were allocated at estimated fair value based on Level 3 inputs, such as discount rates, capitalization rates, comparable sales, replacement costs, income and expense growth rates, and current market rents and allowances as determined by management.

Debt Obligations—We estimate the fair value of our debt by discounting the future cash flows of each instrument at rates currently offered for similar debt instruments of comparable maturities by our lenders using Level 3 inputs. The discount rates used approximate current lending rates for loans or groups of loans with similar maturities and credit quality, assuming the debt is outstanding through maturity and considering the debt's collateral (if applicable). We have utilized market information, as available, or present value techniques to estimate the amounts required to be disclosed.

The following is a summary of borrowings as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 (in thousands):

		March 31, 2021				December 31, 2020			
	Recorded	Recorded Principal Balance <sup>(1)</sup>		Fair Value	Recorded Principal Balance <sup>(1)</sup>			Fair Value	
Term loans	\$	1,611,119	\$	1,621,987	\$	1,610,204	\$	1,621,902	
Secured portfolio loan facilities		391,251		391,391		391,131		404,715	
Mortgages <sup>(2)</sup>		274,602		282,497		291,270		303,647	
Total	\$	2,276,972	\$	2,295,875	\$	2,292,605	\$	2,330,264	

(1) Recorded principal balances include net deferred financing expenses of \$12.6 million and \$13.5 million as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively. Recorded principal balances also include assumed market debt adjustments of \$1.6 million and \$1.5 million as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively. We have recorded deferred financing expenses related to our revolving credit facility, which are not included in these balances, in Other Assets, Net on our consolidated balance sheets.

<sup>(2)</sup> Our finance lease liability is included in the mortgages line item, as presented.

Recurring and Nonrecurring Fair Value Measurements—Our earn-out liability and interest rate swaps are measured and recognized at fair value on a recurring basis, while certain real estate assets and liabilities are measured and recognized at fair value as needed. Fair value measurements that occurred as of and during the three months ended March 31, 2021 and the year ended December 31, 2020, were as follows (in thousands):

	March 31, 2021							
	Level 1		Level 2	Level 3	Level 1		Level 2	Level 3
Recurring								
Derivative liabilities <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	— \$	(42,970) \$	_	\$	— \$	(54,759) \$	_
Earn-out liability			—	(38,000)		—	—	(22,000)
Nonrecurring								
Impaired real estate assets, net <sup>(2)</sup>		_	7,150	_		—	19,350	_
Impaired corporate ROU asset, net		—	—	—		_	537	_

<sup>(1)</sup> We record derivative liabilities in Derivative Liabilities on our consolidated balance sheets.

<sup>(2)</sup> The carrying value of impaired real estate assets may have subsequently increased or decreased after the measurement date due to capital improvements, depreciation, or sale.

Derivative Instruments—As of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, we had interest rate swaps that fixed LIBOR on portions of our unsecured term loan facilities.

All interest rate swap agreements are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The valuation of these instruments is determined using widely accepted valuation techniques, including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs, including interest rate curves and implied volatilities. The fair values of interest rate swaps are determined using the market standard methodology of netting the discounted future fixed cash receipts (or payments) and the discounted expected variable cash payments (or receipts). The variable cash payments (or receipts) are based on an expectation of future interest rates (forward curves) derived from observable market interest rate curves.

To comply with the provisions of ASC Topic 820, Fair Value Measurement, we incorporate credit valuation adjustments to appropriately reflect both our own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements. In adjusting the fair value of our derivative contracts for the effect of nonperformance risk, we have considered the impact of netting and any applicable credit enhancements, such as collateral postings, thresholds, mutual puts, and guarantees.

Although we determined that the significant inputs used to value our derivatives fell within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, the credit valuation adjustments associated with our counterparties and our own credit risk utilize Level 3 inputs, such as estimates of current credit spreads, to evaluate the likelihood of default by us and our counterparties. However, as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, we have assessed the significance of the impact of the credit valuation adjustments on the overall valuation of our derivative positions and have determined that the credit valuation adjustments are not significant to the overall valuation of our derivatives. As a result, we have determined that our derivative valuations in their entirety are classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

*Earn-out*—As part of our acquisition of Phillips Edison Limited Partnership ("PELP") in 2017, an earn-out structure was established which gave PELP the opportunity to earn additional OP units based upon the potential achievement of certain performance targets subsequent to the acquisition. After the expiration of certain provisions in 2019, PELP is now eligible to earn up to five million OP units based on the timing and valuation of a liquidity event for PECO. The liquidity event can occur no later than December 31, 2021 for the maximum shares to be awarded, but can occur as late as December 31, 2023.

We estimate the fair value of this liability on a quarterly basis using the Monte Carlo method. This method requires us to make assumptions about future dividend yields, volatility, and timing and pricing of liquidity events, which are unobservable and are considered Level 3 inputs in the fair value hierarchy. A change in these inputs to a different amount might result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement at the reporting date. In calculating the fair value of this liability as of March 31, 2021, we have determined that the most likely range of potential outcomes includes a possibility of one million additional OP units issued as well as up to a maximum of five million units being issued.

We recorded expense of \$16.0 million and income of \$10.0 million, respectively, for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2020 related to changes in the fair value of the earn-out liability. The increase in the fair value of the liability during the three months ended March 31, 2021 was attributable to an increase in the EVPS of our common stock (as compared with a decrease in EVPS in the comparable prior year period), as described in Note 9, as well as improved market conditions in the first quarter of 2021. The change in fair value for both periods has been recognized in Other (Expense) Income, Net in the consolidated statements of operations.

Real Estate Asset Impairment—Our real estate assets are measured and recognized at fair value, less costs to sell for held-for-sale properties, on a nonrecurring basis dependent upon when we determine an impairment has occurred. During the three months ended March 31, 2021, we impaired an asset that was under contract at a disposition price that was less than carrying value, or that had other operational impairment indicators. The valuation technique used for the fair value of all impaired real estate assets was the expected net sales proceeds, which we consider to be a Level 2 input in the fair value hierarchy. There were no impairment charges recorded during the three months ended March 31, 2020.

On a quarterly basis, we employ a multi-step approach to assess our real estate assets for possible impairment and record any impairment charges identified. The first step is the identification of potential triggering events, such as significant decreases in occupancy or the presence of large dark or vacant spaces. If we observe any of these indicators for a shopping center, we then perform an additional screen test consisting of a years-to-recover analysis to determine if we will recover the net carrying value of the property over its remaining economic life based upon net operating income ("NOI") as forecasted for the current year. In the event that the results of this first step indicate a triggering event for a center, we proceed to the second step, utilizing an undiscounted cash flow model for the center to identify potential impairment. If the undiscounted cash flows are less than the net book value of the center as of the balance sheet date, we proceed to the third step. In performing the third step, we utilize market data such as capitalization rates and sales price per square foot on comparable recent real estate transactions to estimate fair value of the real estate assets. We also utilize expected net sales proceeds to estimate the fair value of the property is less than the recorded net book value at the balance sheet date, we record an impairment charge.

In addition to these procedures, we also review undeveloped or unimproved land parcels that we own for evidence of impairment and record any impairment charges as necessary. Primary impairment triggers for these land parcels are changes to our plans or intentions with regards to such properties, or planned dispositions at prices that are less than the current carrying values.

Our quarterly impairment procedures have not been altered by the COVID-19 pandemic, as we believe key impairment indicators such as temporary store closings and large dark or vacant spaces will continue to be identified in our review. We have utilized forecasts that incorporate estimated decreases in NOI and cash flows as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic in performing our review procedures for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020. However, it is possible that we could experience unanticipated changes in assumptions that are employed in our impairment review which could impact our cash flows and fair value conclusions. Such unanticipated changes relative to our expectations may include but are not limited to: increases or decreases in the duration or permanence of tenant closures, increases or decreases in collectibility reserves and write-offs, additional capital required to fill vacancies, extended lease-up periods, future closings of large tenants, changes in macroeconomic assumptions such as rate of inflation and capitalization rates, and changes to the estimated timing of disposition of the properties under review.

We recorded the following expense upon impairment of real estate assets (in thousands):

		Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2	2021	2020		
Impairment of real estate assets	\$	5,000 \$	-		

# **13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In preparing the condensed and unaudited consolidated financial statements, we have evaluated subsequent events through the filing of this report on Form 10-Q for recognition and/or disclosure purposes. Based on this evaluation, we have determined that there were no events that have occurred that require recognition or disclosure, other than certain events and transactions that have been disclosed elsewhere in these consolidated financial statements.



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

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto. All references to "Notes" throughout this document refer to the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements in "Part I, Item 1. Financial Information". See also "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" below.

#### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this "Report") of Phillips Edison & Company, Inc. ("we," the "Company," "our," or "us") other than historical facts may be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (collectively with the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, the "Acts"). We intend for all such forward-looking statements to be covered by the applicable safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Acts. Such forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "can," "expect," "interactionate," "estimate," "believe," "continue," "possible," "initiatives," "focus," "seek," "objective," "goal," "strategy," "plan," "potential," "potential," "preparing," "projected," "future," "long-term," "once," "should," "would," "would," "might," "uncertainty," or other similar words. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date this report is filed with the SEC. Such statements include, but are not limited to, (a) statements about our focus, plans, strategies, initiatives, and prospects; (b) statements about the COVID-19 pandemic, including its duration and potential or expected impact on our tenants, our business, and our estimated value per share; (c) statements about our distributions, share repurchase program, and dividend reinvestment program; (d) statements about our underwritten incremental yields; and (e) statements about our future results of operations, capital expenditures, and liquidity (including any potential listing). Such statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or anticipated, including, without limitation: (i) changes in national, regional, or local economic climates; (ii) local market conditions, including an oversupply of space in, or a reduction in demand for, properties similar to those in our portfolio; (iii) vacancies changes in market rental rates, and the need to periodically repair, renovate, and re-let space; (iv) changes in interest rates and the availability of permanent mortgage financing; (v) competition from other available properties and the attractiveness of properties in our portfolio to our tenants; (vi) the financial stability of tenants, including the ability of tenants to pay rent; (vii) changes in tax, real estate, environmental, and zoning laws; (viii) the concentration of our portfolio in a limited number of industries, geographies, or investments; (ix) the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, including on the demand for consumer goods and services and levels of consumer confidence in the safety of visiting shopping centers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; (x) the measures taken by federal, state, and local government agencies and tenants in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including mandatory business shutdowns, "stay-at-home" orders and social distancing guidelines; (xi) the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our tenants and their ability to pay rent on time or at all, or to renew their leases and, in the case of non-renewal, our ability to re-lease the space at the same or more favorable terms or at all; (xii) the length and severity of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States; (xiii) the pace of recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic given the current severe economic contraction and increase in unemployment rates; (xiv) our ability to implement cost containment strategies; (xv) our and our tenants' ability to obtain loans under government programs; (xvi) our ability to pay down, refinance, restructure, or extend our indebtedness as it becomes due; (xvii) to the extent we were seeking to dispose of properties in the hear term, significantly greater uncertainty regarding our ability to do so at attractive prices or at all; (xviii) the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business, results of operations, financial condition, and liquidity; and (xix) supply chain disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional important factors that could cause actual results to differ are described in the filings made from time to time by the Company with the SEC and include the risk factors and other risks and uncertainties described in our 2020 Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on March 12, 2021, and those included in this Report, in each case as updated from time to time in our periodic and/or current reports filed with the SEC, which are accessible on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

Except as required by law, we do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

#### Key Performance Indicators and Defined Terms

We use certain key performance indicators ("KPIs"), which include both financial and nonfinancial metrics, to measure the performance of our operations. We believe these KPIs, as well as the core concepts and terms defined below, allow our Board, management, and investors to analyze trends around our business strategy, financial condition, and results of operations in a manner that is focused on items unique to the real estate industry.

We do not consider our non-GAAP measures included as KPIs to be alternatives to measures calculated in accordance with GAAP. Certain non-GAAP measures should not be viewed as an alternative measure of our financial performance as they may not reflect the operations of our entire portfolio, and they may not reflect the impact of general and administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization, interest expense, other income (expense), or the level of capital expenditures and leasing costs necessary to maintain the operating performance of our properties that could materially impact our results from operations. Additionally, certain non-GAAP measures should not be considered as an indication of our liquidity, nor as an indication of funds available to cover our cash needs, including our ability to fund distributions, and may not be a useful measure of the impact of long-term operating performance on value if we do not continue to operate our business in the manner currently contemplated. Accordingly, non-GAAP measures should be reviewed in connection with other GAAP measurements, and should not be viewed as more prominent measures of performance than net income (loss) or cash flows from operations prepared in



accordance with GAAP. Other REITs may use different methodologies for calculating similar non-GAAP measures, and accordingly, our non-GAAP measures may not be comparable to other REITs.

Our KPIs and terminology can be grouped into three key areas:

Portfolio—Portfolio metrics help management to gauge the health of our centers overall and individually.

- Anchor space—We define an anchor space as a space greater than or equal to 10,000 square feet of gross leasable area ("GLA").
- ABR—We use ABR to refer to the monthly contractual base rent as of March 31, 2021, multiplied by twelve months.
- ABR per Square Foot ("PSF")—This metric is calculated by dividing ABR by leased GLA. Increases in ABR PSF can be an indication of our ability to create rental rate
  growth in our centers, as well as an indication of demand for our spaces, which generally provides us with greater leverage during lease negotiations.
- Inline space—We define an inline space as a space containing less than 10,000 square feet of GLA.
- GLA—We use GLA to refer to the total occupied and unoccupied square footage of a building that is available for tenants (whom we refer to as a "Neighbor" or our "Neighbors") to lease.
- Leased Occupancy—This metric is calculated as the percentage of total GLA for which a lease has been signed regardless of whether the lease has commenced or the Neighbor has taken possession. High occupancy is an indicator of demand for our spaces, which generally provides us with greater leverage during lease negotiations.
- Underwritten incremental yield—This reflects the yield we target to generate from a project upon expected stabilization and is calculated as the estimated incremental NOI for a project at stabilization divided by its estimated net project investment. The estimated incremental NOI is the difference between the estimated annualized NOI we target to generate by project upon stabilization and the estimated annualized NOI without the planned improvements. Underwritten incremental yield does not include peripheral impacts, such as lease rollover risk or the impact on the long term value of the property upon sale or disposition. Actual incremental yields may vary from our underwritten incremental yield range based on the actual total cost to complete a project and its actual incremental NOI at stabilization.

Leasing—Leasing is a key driver of growth for our company.

- Comparable lease—We use this term to refer to a lease with consistent structure that is executed for the exact same space that has been vacant less than twelve months.
- Comparable rent spread—This metric is calculated as being the percentage increase or decrease in first-year ABR (excluding any free rent or escalations) on new or renewal leases (excluding options) where the lease was considered a comparable lease. This metric provides an indication of our ability to generate revenue growth through leasing activity.
- Cost of executing new leases—We use this term to refer to certain costs associated with new leasing, namely, leasing commissions, tenant improvement costs, and tenant concessions.
- Portfolio retention rate—This metric is calculated by dividing (a) total square feet of retained Neighbors with current period lease expirations by (b) the square feet of
  leases expiring during the period. The portfolio retention rate provides insight into our ability to retain Neighbors at our shopping centers as their leases approach
  expiration. Generally, the costs to retain an existing Neighbor are lower than costs to replace with a new Neighbor.
- Recovery rate—This metric is calculated by dividing (a) total recovery income by (b) total recoverable expenses during the period. A high recovery rate is an indicator
  of our ability to recover certain property operating expenses and capital costs from our Neighbors.

Financial Performance—In addition to financial metrics calculated in accordance with GAAP, such as net income or cash flows from operations, we utilize non-GAAP metrics to measure our operational and financial performance. See the section within this Item 2 titled Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Non-GAAP Measures for further discussion on the following metrics.

- Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization for Real Estate ("Adjusted EBITDAre")—To arrive at Adjusted EBITDAre, we adjust
  EBITDAre, as defined below, to exclude certain recurring and non-recurring items including, but not limited to: (i) changes in the fair value of the earn-out liability; (ii)
  other impairment charges; (iii) amortization of basis differences in our investments in our unconsolidated joint ventures; and (iv) transaction and acquisition expenses.
  We use EBITDAre and Adjusted EBITDAre as additional measures of operating performance which allow us to compare earnings independent of capital structure and
  evaluate debt leverage and fixed cost coverage.
- Core Funds From Operations ("Core FFO")—To arrive at Core FFO, we adjust FFO attributable to stockholders and OP unit holders, as defined below, to exclude certain recurring and non-recurring items including, but not limited to: (i) depreciation and amortization of corporate assets; (ii) changes in the fair value of the earn-out liability; (iii) amortization of unconsolidated joint venture basis differences; (iv) gains or losses on the extinguishment or modification of debt, (v) other impairment charges; and (vi) transaction and acquisition expenses. We believe FFO provides insight into our operating performance as it excludes certain items that are not indicative of such performance. Core FFO provides further insight into the sustainability of our operating performance and provides an additional measure to compare our performance across reporting periods on a consistent basis by excluding items that may cause short-term fluctuations in net income (loss).

- EBITDAre—The National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts ("Nareit") defines EBITDAre as net income (loss) computed in accordance with GAAP before: (i) interest expense; (ii) income tax expense; (iii) depreciation and amortization; (iv) gains or losses from disposition of depreciable property; and (v) impairment writedowns of depreciable property. Adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures are calculated to reflect EBITDAre on the same basis.
- FFO—Nareit defines FFO as net income (loss) computed in accordance with GAAP, excluding: (i) gains (or losses) from sales of property and gains (or losses) from change in control; (ii) depreciation and amortization related to real estate; (iii) impairment losses on real estate and impairments of in-substance real estate investments in investees that are driven by measurable decreases in the fair value of the depreciable real estate held by the unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures; and (iv) adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures, calculated to reflect FFO on the same basis. We calculate FFO Attributable to Stockholders and OP Unit Holders in a manner consistent with the Nareit definition.
- Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDAre—This ratio is calculated by dividing net debt by Adjusted EBITDAre (included on an annualized basis within the calculation). It
  provides insight into our leverage rate based on earnings and is not impacted by fluctuations in our equity price.
- Net Debt to Total Enterprise Value—This ratio is calculated by dividing net debt by total enterprise value. It provides insight into our capital structure and usage of debt.
- NOI—We calculate NOI as total operating revenues, adjusted to exclude non-cash revenue items, less property operating expenses and real estate taxes. NOI
  provides insight about our financial and operating performance because it provides a performance measure of the revenues and expenses directly involved in owning
  and operating real estate assets and provides a perspective not immediately apparent from net income (loss).
- Same-Center—We use this term to refer to a property, or portfolio of properties, that have been owned and operational for the entirety of each reporting period (i.e., since January 1, 2020).

#### Overview

We are an internally-managed REIT and one of the nation's largest owners and operators of grocery-anchored neighborhood shopping centers. The majority of our revenue is lease revenue derived from our real estate investments. Additionally, we operate an investment management business providing property management and advisory services to over \$460 million of third-party institutional joint ventures. This business provides comprehensive real estate and asset management services to the Managed Funds.

As of March 31, 2021, we wholly-owned 278 real estate properties. Additionally, we owned a 20% interest in NRP, a joint venture that owned two properties, and a 14% interest in GRP I, a joint venture that owned 20 properties.

Liquidity Alternative Review Process—On March 25, 2021, our Board announced that we are reviewing alternatives in order to provide liquidity to our shareholders. In connection with the review process, the DRIP has been suspended, beginning with the distribution payable April 1, 2021. Additionally, the Fourth Amended SRP, which is currently limited to repurchases resulting from stockholder DDI, has been suspended. The SRP for both standard and DDI requests will remain suspended until further notice.

**COVID-19 Strategy**—During 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many state governments issued "stay-at-home" mandates that generally limited travel and movement of the general public to essential activities only and required all non-essential businesses to close. In response to the pandemic, we enacted several initiatives including: (1) the implementation of expense reduction initiatives at the property and corporate levels, including reductions to our workforce and travel costs; (2) the reprioritization of our capital investments to support the reopening of our Neighbors and new leasing activity, or deferment of such capital expenditures if possible; (3) temporary reductions in compensation for certain of our executives and our Board; and (4) the temporary suspension of dividends, the DRIP, and the SRP.

At the peak of the pandemic-related closure activity, temporary closures reached 37% of all Neighbor spaces, totaling 27% of our ABR and 22% of our GLA. All temporarily closed Neighbors have since been permitted to reopen; however, a portion of our Neighbors have permanently closed, and we are working to backfill these spaces. We continue to closely monitor the occupancy, operating performance, and Neighbor sales results at our centers, including any Neighbors operating with reduced hours or under government-imposed restrictions.

Our management team has determined the following are the key actions for recovery in our portfolio (all statistics are approximate and include the prorated portion attributable to properties owned through our joint ventures):

Returning to Monthly Payments—We continue to work with our Neighbors to resume normal monthly rent payments, and our efforts have included raising awareness
of the benefits available through numerous governmental relief programs. We have seen our collections continue to improve from the second quarter of 2020. The
following table



summarizes our collections by quarter, as they were originally reported as well as updated for payments received subsequent to the month billed:

	Originally Reported	Current <sup>(1)</sup>
Q2 2020	86 %	93 %
Q3 2020	94 %	96 %
Q4 2020	95 %	96 %
Q1 2021	N/A	95 %

<sup>(1)</sup> Including collections received through April 20, 2021.

As of April 20, 2021, approximately 79% of our Neighbor spaces are paying their rent in full.

Recovering Missed Rent Charges—We believe substantially all Neighbors, including those that were required to temporarily close under governmental mandates, are contractually obligated to continue with their rent payments as documented in our lease agreements with them. However, we may negotiate relief for our Neighbors in the form of rent deferrals or abatements. As of April 20, 2021, we have \$5.4 million of outstanding payment plans with our Neighbors, and we had recorded rent abatements of approximately \$4.4 million during 2021. These payment plans and rent abatements represented 1.4% and 1.1% of portfolio ABR, respectively, and the weighted-average term over which we expect to receive remaining amounts owed on executed payment plans is approximately 13 months.

We are still actively pursuing past due amounts under the terms negotiated with our Neighbors. For our entire portfolio, inclusive of our prorated share of properties owned through joint ventures, 43% of missed monthly charges billed during the first quarter of 2021 have been collected subsequent to the month billed and 5% have been waived, as of April 20, 2021. We will continue to work with Neighbors on establishing plans to repay past due amounts, and will monitor the impact of such payment plans on our results of operations in future quarters. We cannot guarantee that we will ultimately be able to collect these amounts.

Monitoring for Credit Risk—The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn has increased the uncertainty of collecting rents from a number of our Neighbors. We have been closely monitoring the status of our Neighbors to identify those who potentially pose a credit risk in order to appropriately account for the impact to revenue and in order to quickly take action when a Neighbor is ultimately unable to remain in a space.

For Neighbors with a higher degree of uncertainty as to their creditworthiness, we may not record revenue for amounts billed until the cash is received. Based on our analysis, no individual Neighbor category has been accounted for entirely on a cash basis as of March 31, 2021; however, we continue to evaluate each Neighbor individually to determine if they should be accounted for on a cash basis. For the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, inclusive of the prorated portion attributable to properties owned through our joint ventures, we had \$4.9 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, in unfavorable monthly revenue adjustments for Neighbors who are being accounted for on a cash basis. As of March 31, 2021, our Neighbors currently being accounted for on a cash basis of portfolio ABR. Further, many of our Neighbors who are on a cash basis of accounting are actively making payments toward their outstanding balances. When considering the ABR associated with Neighbors who are currently on a cash basis of accounting, 56% of this ABR is represented by Neighbors who are actively making payments.

Additionally, certain of our Neighbors have entered into bankruptcy proceedings. While some of these cases have already been resolved, with the assumption or rejection of the lease already reflected in our results, in some cases these claims have yet to be resolved, and as such, the potential fallout is not yet reflected in our occupancy rate or ABR metrics. We believe that Neighbors in the bankruptcy process represent an exposure of approximately 1% of our total portfolio ABR as of March 31, 2021. We have included our assessment of the impact of these bankruptcies in our estimate of rent collectibility, which impacted recorded revenue, as noted previously.

Certain of our Neighbors have been unable to remain in their spaces as a result of the factors previously noted. Despite this fallout, our leasing activity has been strong as demand for space in our centers remains high, allowing us to re-lease these spaces to Neighbors who may increase our concentration of necessity-based and omni-channel retailers. For the three months ended March 31, 2021, our portfolio retention rate was 88.8%, and we executed 153 new leases, an increase as compared to the same period a year ago.

Portfolio and Leasing Statistics—Below are statistical highlights of our wholly-owned portfolio as of March 31, 2021 and 2020 (dollars and square feet in thousands):

	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2020
Number of properties	278	285
Number of states	31	31
Total square feet	31,306	31,862
ABR	\$ 386,971	\$ 385,457
% ABR from grocery-anchored properties	96.4 %	97.0 %
Leased % of rentable square feet:		
Total portfolio spaces	94.8 %	95.6 %
Anchor spaces	97.3 %	98.3 %
Inline spaces	89.8 %	90.1 %
Average remaining lease term (in years) <sup>(1)</sup>	4.6	4.6

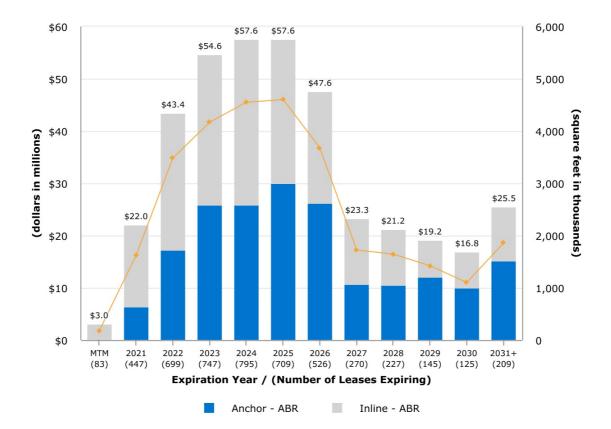
<sup>(1)</sup> The average remaining lease term in years excludes future options to extend the term of the lease.

The following table details information for our joint ventures as of March 31, 2021, which is the basis for determining the prorated information included in the subsequent tables (dollars and square feet in thousands):

	March 31, 2021								
Joint Venture	Ownership Percentage	Number of Properties	ABR	GLA					
Necessity Retail Partners	20%	2	\$ 3,845	228					
Grocery Retail Partners I	14%	20	28,735	2,215					

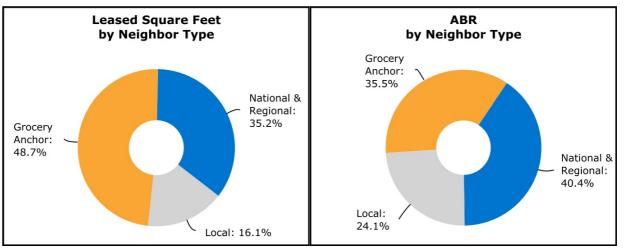


Lease Expirations—The following chart shows the aggregate scheduled lease expirations, excluding our Neighbors who are occupying space on a temporary basis, after March 31, 2021 for each of the next ten years and thereafter for our wholly-owned properties and the protected portion of those owned through our joint ventures:

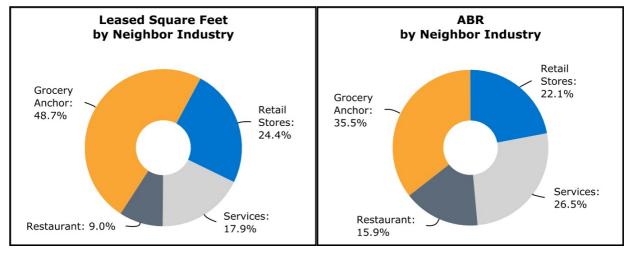


Our ability to create rental rate growth generally depends on our leverage during new and renewal lease negotiations with prospective and existing Neighbors, which typically occurs when occupancy at our centers is high or during periods of economic growth and recovery. Conversely, we may experience rental rate decline when occupancy at our centers is low or during periods of economic recession, as the leverage during new and renewal lease negotiations may shift to prospective and existing Neighbors.

See "Part I, Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Results of Operations - Leasing Activity" of this filing on Form 10-Q for further discussion of leasing activity. **Portfolio Tenancy**—We define national Neighbors as those Neighbors that operate in at least three states. Regional Neighbors are defined as those Neighbors that have at least three locations in fewer than three states. The following charts present the composition of our portfolio, including our wholly-owned properties and the prorated portion of those owned through our joint ventures, by Neighbor type as of March 31, 2021:



The following charts present the composition of our portfolio by Neighbor industry as of March 31, 2021:





We define "Necessity-based goods and services" as goods and services that are indispensable, necessary, or common for day-to-day living, or that tend to be inelastic (i.e., the demand for which does not change based on a consumer's income level). We estimate that approximately 73% of our ABR, including the pro rata portion attributable to properties owned through our joint ventures, is from Neighbors providing necessity-based goods and services. Additionally, within these categories, we estimate that approximately 51% of our ABR is from retail and service businesses generally deemed essential under most state and local mandates issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The composition of our portfolio as a percentage of ABR is as follows:

	March 31, 2021
Essential/Necessity retail and services:	
Grocery	35.5 %
Medical/pharmacy	2.8 %
Banks	2.5 %
Dollar stores	2.3 %
Pet supply	2.1 %
Hardware/automotive	1.7 %
Wine, beer, and liquor	1.4 %
Other essential	2.7 %
Total Essential/Necessity-based retail and services <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0 %
Other Necessity:	
Quick service - restaurant	9.6 %
Beauty and hair care	4.9 %
Health care services	3.8 %
Other necessity	3.3 %
Total ABR from other Necessity	21.6 %
Total ABR from Necessity-based goods and services	72.6 %
Other retail stores:	
Soft goods	12.2 %
Full service - restaurant	6.3 %
Fitness and lifestyle services	5.2 %
Other retail	3.7 %
Total ABR from other retail and services	27.4 %
Total ABR	100.0 %
(1) Includes Neighbors that we believe are considered to be essential retail and service businesses but that may have	temporarily closed at various points during the COVID-19 pandemic due to

<sup>1)</sup> Includes Neighbors that we believe are considered to be essential retail and service businesses but that may have temporarily closed at various points during the COVID-19 pandemic due to decreases in foot traffic and customer patronage as a result of "stay-at-home" mandates and social distancing guidelines implemented in response to the pandemic.

The following table presents our top twenty Neighbors by ABR, including our wholly-owned properties and the prorated portion of those owned through our joint ventures, as of March 31, 2021 (dollars and square feet in thousands):

Neighbor <sup>(1)</sup>	ABR	% of ABR	Leased Square Feet	% of Leased Square Feet	Number of Locations <sup>(2)</sup>
Kroger	\$ 26,032	6.6 %	3,296	11.0 %	60
Publix	22,003	5.6 %	2,240	7.5 %	56
Ahold Delhaize	17,274	4.4 %	1,240	4.1 %	23
Albertsons-Safeway	16,897	4.3 %	1,624	5.4 %	30
Walmart	8,933	2.3 %	1,770	5.9 %	13
Giant Eagle	7,293	1.9 %	738	2.5 %	11
TJX Companies	5,061	1.3 %	428	1.4 %	15
Sprouts Farmers Market	4,952	1.3 %	334	1.1 %	11
Dollar Tree	3,954	1.0 %	406	1.4 %	42
Raley's	3,884	1.0 %	253	0.8 %	4
SUPERVALU	3,209	0.8 %	336	1.1 %	5
Subway Group	2,829	0.7 %	115	0.4 %	82
Schnucks	2,785	0.7 %	329	1.1 %	5
Anytime Fitness, Inc.	2,662	0.7 %	177	0.6 %	36
Save Mart	2,618	0.7 %	309	1.0 %	6
Southeastern Grocers	2,513	0.6 %	281	0.9 %	7
Lowe's	2,469	0.6 %	369	1.2 %	4
Kohl's Corporation	2,281	0.6 %	365	1.2 %	4
Food 4 Less (PAQ)	2,215	0.6 %	119	0.4 %	2
Petco Animal Supplies, Inc.	2,118	0.5 %	127	0.4 %	11
Total	\$ 141,982	36.2 %	14,856	49.4 %	427

<sup>(1)</sup> Neighbors are grouped by parent company and may represent multiple subsidiaries and banners.

(2) Number of locations excludes auxiliary leases with grocery anchors such as fuel stations, pharmacies, and liquor stores. Additionally, in the event that a parent company has multiple subsidiaries or banners in a single shopping center, those subsidiaries are included as one location.

#### **Results of Operations**

#### Known Trends and Uncertainties of the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in reduced revenues beginning with the second quarter of 2020 and continuing through the first quarter of 2021, and our estimates around collectibility will likely continue to create volatility in our earnings. The total impact on revenue in the future cannot be determined at this time. The duration of the pandemic and mitigating measures, and the resulting economic impact, has caused some of our Neighbors to permanently vacate their spaces and/or not renew their leases, and we may have difficulty leasing these spaces on the same or better terms or at all, and/or incur additional costs to lease vacant spaces, which may reduce our occupancy rates in the future and ultimately reduce our revenue. Extended periods of vacancy or reduced revenues may trigger impairments of our real estate assets. Additionally, these factors have impacted disposition activity by decreasing demand and negatively impacting capitalization rates.

The magnitude and duration of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our results of operations in the near term and potentially beyond are uncertain as a result of a number of factors outside of our control. These factors include, but are not limited to: overall economic conditions on both a macro and micro level, including consumer demand as well as retailer demand for space within our shopping centers; the impact of social distancing guidelines, recommendations from governmental authorities, and consumer shopping preferences; the nature and effectiveness of any economic stimulus or relief measures; the timing of availability and distribution of vaccines to the general public and the resulting vaccination rates; and the impact of all of the factors above, including other potentially unknown factors, on our Neighbors' ability to continue paying rent and related charges on time or at all and Neighbors' willingness to renew their leases on the same terms or at all. The impact of these factors, some of which have already been realized, could include reduced revenue from Neighbor concessions, increased collectibility reserves, decreased recovery rates on expenses, and other unforeseen impacts that may arise in the course of operating during these circumstances. See "Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Overview" for our observation of Neighbor impacts through April 20, 2021.

We believe that our investment focus on grocery-anchored shopping centers that provide daily necessities has helped and will continue to help lessen the negative effect of the pandemic on our business compared to non-grocery anchored shopping centers.



#### Summary of Operating Activities for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2021 and 2020

	Three Months Ended March 31,					Favorable (Unfavorable) Change			
(Dollars in thousands)	2021		2020		\$	%			
Revenues:									
Rental income	\$ 127,623	\$	128,466	\$	(843)	(0.7)%			
Fee and management income	2,286		2,165		121	5.6 %			
Other property income	472		892		(420)	(47.1)%			
Total revenues	 130,381		131,523		(1,142)	(0.9)%			
Operating Expenses:									
Property operating expenses	22,202		21,762		(440)	(2.0)%			
Real estate tax expenses	16,573		17,112		539	3.1 %			
General and administrative expenses	9,341		10,740		1,399	13.0 %			
Depreciation and amortization	55,341		56,227		886	1.6 %			
Impairment of real estate assets	5,000		—		(5,000)	NM			
Total operating expenses	 108,457		105,841		(2,616)	(2.5)%			
Other:									
Interest expense, net	(20,063)		(22,775)		2,712	11.9 %			
Gain (loss) on disposal of property, net	13,841		(1,577)		15,418	NM			
Other (expense) income, net	(15,585)		9,869		(25,454)	NM			
Net income	 117		11,199	_	(11,082)	(99.0)%			
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(14)		(1,430)		1,416	99.0 %			
Net income attributable to stockholders	\$ 103	\$	9,769	\$	(9,666)	(98.9)%			

(1) Line items that result in a percent change that exceed certain limitations are considered not meaningful ("NM") and indicated as such.

Our basis for analyzing significant fluctuations in our results of operations generally includes review of the results of our same-center portfolio, non-same-center portfolio, and revenues and expenses from our management activities. We define our same-center portfolio as the 274 properties that were owned and operational prior to January 1, 2020. We define our non-same-center portfolio as those properties that were not fully owned and operational in both periods owing to real estate asset activity occurring after December 31, 2019, which includes 13 properties disposed of and four properties acquired. Below are explanations of the significant fluctuations in the results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020:

Rental Income decreased \$0.8 million as follows:

- \$0.5 million decrease primarily related to our net disposition of 9 properties; and
- \$0.3 million decrease related to our same-center portfolio as follows:
  - \$1.3 million decrease largely due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic impact including a \$1.1 million decrease due to rent abatement and a \$0.2 million decrease in connection with Neighbors we have identified as a credit risk, including the impact of straight-line rent adjustments for the related leases;
  - \$0.7 million increase due to lease buyout income owing largely to Neighbors (representing less than 1% of ABR and GLA) who opted not to remain in their space following negative impacts as a result of COVID-19; and
  - \$0.3 million increase primarily due to a \$0.52 increase in average minimum rent per square foot, partially offset by a 0.8% decrease in average economic occupancy.

#### General and Administrative Expenses:

The \$1.4 million decrease in general and administrative expenses is primarily related to expense reductions taken to reduce the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, with the majority of these decreases related to overhead costs at our corporate offices, as well as decreased travel and related costs.

#### Impairment of Real Estate Assets:

The \$5.0 million increase in impairment of real estate assets was due to an asset under contract at a disposition price that was less than the carrying value, the
proceeds from which will be used to fund tax-efficient acquisitions, to fund redevelopment opportunities in owned centers, and for general corporate purposes. We
continue to sell non-core assets and may potentially recognize impairments in future quarters.

Interest Expense, Net:

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The \$2.7 million decrease during the three months ended March 31, 2021 as compared to the same period in 2020 was largely due to the decrease in LIBOR and expiring interest rate swaps in 2020 and the first quarter of 2021. Interest Expense, Net was comprised of the following (dollars in thousands):

		March 31,		
		2021		2020
Interest on revolving credit facility, net	\$	228	\$	216
Interest on term loans, net		10,633		12,731
Interest on secured debt		6,780		7,350
Loss on extinguishment of debt		691		73
Non-cash amortization and other		1,731		2,405
Interest expense, net	\$	20,063	\$	22,775
Weighted-average interest rate as of end of period		3.0 %		3.3 %
Weighted-average term (in years) as of end of period		3.8		4.7

Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Property, Net:

The \$15.4 million change was primarily related to the sale of six properties and one outparcel (plus other miscellaneous disposals and write-offs) with a net gain of \$13.8 million during the three months ended March 31, 2021, as compared to the sale of three properties with a net loss of \$1.6 million during the three months ended March 31, 2021, as compared to the sale of three properties with a net loss of \$1.6 million during the three months ended March 31, 2021, as compared to the sale of three properties with a net loss of \$1.6 million during the three months ended March 31, 2020 (see Note 4).

Other (Expense) Income, Net:

The \$25.5 million change was largely due to the change in the fair value of our earn-out liability as a result of an increase in the EVPS of our common stock as well as improved market conditions during the first quarter of 2021. Other Expense (Income), Net was comprised of the following (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,				
		2021		2020	
Change in fair value of earn-out liability	\$	(16,000)	\$	10,000	
Equity in income (loss) of unconsolidated joint ventures		714		(280)	
Transaction and acquisition expenses		(141)		(45)	
Federal, state, and local income tax expense		(166)		(29)	
Other		8		223	
Other (expense) income, net	\$	(15,585)	\$	9,869	

Leasing Activity—Below is a summary of leasing activity for our wholly-owned properties for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020:

	Total Deals <sup>(1)</sup>				Inline Deals <sup>(1)</sup>			
	2021		2020		2021		2020	
New leases:								
Number of leases	153		87		147		77	
Square footage (in thousands)	467		382		341		180	
ABR (in thousands)	\$ 8,120	\$	5,563	\$	6,605	\$	3,214	
ABR per square foot	\$ 17.39	\$	14.56	\$	19.34	\$	17.84	
Cost per square foot of executing new leases	\$ 29.00	\$	22.03	\$	29.65	\$	27.94	
Number of comparable leases	70		25		70		25	
Comparable rent spread	12.4 %	D	6.8 %		12.4 %		6.8 %	
Weighted-average lease term (in years)	8.0		9.1		6.2		6.6	
Renewals and options:								
Number of leases	163		127		147		113	
Square footage (in thousands)	978		739		312		249	
ABR (in thousands)	\$ 11,472	\$	9,720	\$	7,069	\$	5,364	
ABR per square foot	\$ 11.73	\$	13.15	\$	22.67	\$	21.53	
ABR per square foot prior to renewals	\$ 10.97	\$	12.33	\$	21.02	\$	19.18	
Percentage increase in ABR per square foot	6.9 %	D	6.7 %		7.8 %		12.2 %	
Cost per square foot of executing renewals and options	\$ 2.20	\$	3.41	\$	4.85	\$	4.36	
Number of comparable leases <sup>(2)</sup>	136		89		133		86	
Comparable rent spread <sup>(2)</sup>	8.0 %	ว	11.2 %		7.9 %		14.4 %	
Weighted-average lease term (in years)	3.9		4.7		4.0		4.0	
Portfolio retention rate	88.8 %	ว	71.2 %		80.3 %		67.3 %	

(1) Per square foot amounts may not recalculate exactly based on other amounts presented within the table due to rounding.

(2) Excludes exercise of options.

#### **Non-GAAP Measures**

See "Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Key Performance Indicators and Defined Terms" of this filing on Form 10-Q for a discussion related to the following non-GAAP measures.

Same-Center Net Operating Income—Same-Center NOI is presented as a supplemental measure of our performance, as it highlights operating trends such as occupancy levels, rental rates, and operating costs for our Same-Center portfolio. Other REITs may use different methodologies for calculating Same-Center NOI, and accordingly, our Same-Center NOI may not be comparable to other REITs. For the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, Same-Center NOI represents the NOI for the 274 properties that were wholly-owned and operational for the entire portion of both comparable periods.

Same-Center NOI should not be viewed as an alternative measure of our financial performance as it does not reflect the operations of our entire portfolio, nor does it reflect the impact of general and administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization, interest expense, other income (expense), or the level of capital expenditures and leasing costs necessary to maintain the operating performance of our properties that could materially impact our results from operations.

The table below presents our Same-Center NOI for the current period and the comparable prior period (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months E	nded I		favorable)		
	2021	2020			\$ Change	% Change
Revenues:						
Rental income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 92,641	\$	93,322	\$	(681)	
Tenant recovery income	31,072		31,265		(193)	
Reserves for uncollectibility <sup>(2)</sup>	(1,731)		(2,510)		779	
Other property income	469		871		(402)	
Total revenues	122,451		122,948		(497)	(0.4)%
Operating expenses:						
Property operating expenses	19,501		18,410		(1,091)	
Real estate taxes	16,431		17,241		810	
Total operating expenses	 35,932		35,651		(281)	(0.8)%
Total Same-Center NOI	\$ 86,519	\$	87,297	\$	(778)	(0.9)%

(1) Excludes straight-line rental income, net amortization of above- and below-market leases, and lease buyout income.

(2) Includes billings that will not be recognized as revenue until cash is collected or the Neighbor resumes regular payments and/or we deem it appropriate to resume recording revenue on an accrual basis, rather than on a cash basis.

Same-Center NOI Reconciliation-Below is a reconciliation of Net Income to NOI and Same-Center NOI (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	 2021		2020	
Net income	\$ 117	\$	11,199	
Adjusted to exclude:				
Fees and management income	(2,286)		(2,165)	
Straight-line rental income <sup>(1)</sup>	(1,422)		(2,312)	
Net amortization of above- and below-market leases	(838)		(788)	
Lease buyout income	(797)		(94)	
General and administrative expenses	9,341		10,740	
Depreciation and amortization	55,341		56,227	
Impairment of real estate assets	5,000		—	
Interest expense, net	20,063		22,775	
(Gain) loss on disposal of property, net	(13,841)		1,577	
Other expense (income), net	15,585		(9,869)	
Property operating expenses related to fees and management income	816		646	
NOI for real estate investments	 87,079		87,936	
Less: Non-same-center NOI <sup>(2)</sup>	(560)		(639)	
Total Same-Center NOI	\$ 86,519	\$	87,297	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes straight-line rent adjustments for Neighbors for whom revenue is being recorded on a cash basis.

(2) Includes operating revenues and expenses from non-same-center properties which includes properties acquired or sold and corporate activities.

FFO and Core FFO—FFO is a non-GAAP financial performance measure that is widely recognized as a measure of REIT operating performance. Core FFO is an additional financial performance measure used by us as FFO includes certain non-comparable items that affect our performance over time. Core FFO is helpful in assisting management and investors with assessing the sustainability of our operating performance in future periods.

FFO, FFO Attributable to Stockholders and OP Unit Holders, and Core FFO should not be considered alternatives to net income (loss) under GAAP, as an indication of our liquidity, nor as an indication of funds available to cover our cash needs, including our ability to fund distributions. Core FFO may not be a useful measure of the impact of long-term operating performance on value if we do not continue to operate our business plan in the manner currently contemplated.

Accordingly, FFO, FFO Attributable to Stockholders and OP Unit Holders, and Core FFO should be reviewed in connection with other GAAP measurements, and should not be viewed as more prominent measures of performance than net income (loss) or cash flows from operations prepared in accordance with GAAP. Our FFO, FFO Attributable to Stockholders and OP Unit Holders, and Core FFO, as presented, may not be comparable to amounts calculated by other REITs.

The following table presents our calculation of FFO Attributable to Stockholders and OP Unit Holders, and Core FFO (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	т	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2	021	2020	
Calculation of FFO Attributable to Stockholders and OP Unit Holders				
Net income	\$	117 \$	11,199	
Adjustments:				
Depreciation and amortization of real estate assets		54,341	54,817	
Impairment of real estate assets		5,000	_	
(Gain) loss on disposal of property, net		(13,841)	1,577	
Adjustments related to unconsolidated joint ventures		(637)	654	
FFO attributable to stockholders and OP unit holders	\$	44,980 \$	68,247	
Calculation of Core FFO				
FFO attributable to stockholders and OP unit holders	\$	44,980 \$	68,247	
Adjustments:				
Depreciation and amortization of corporate assets		1,000	1,410	
Change in fair value of earn-out liability		16,000	(10,000)	
Amortization of unconsolidated joint venture basis differences		746	467	
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net		691	73	
Transaction and acquisition expenses		141	45	
Core FFO	\$	63,558 \$	60,242	
FFO Attributable to Stockholders and OP Unit Holders/Core FFO per Share				
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted		320,985	333,228	
FFO attributable to stockholders and OP unit holders per share - diluted	\$	0.14 \$	0.20	

Core FFO per share - diluted

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0.20

0.18

**EBITDAre and Adjusted EBITDAre**—We use EBITDAre and Adjusted EBITDAre as additional measures of operating performance which allow us to compare earnings independent of capital structure, determine debt service and fixed cost coverage, and measure enterprise value. Additionally, we believe they are a useful indicator of our ability to support our debt obligations.

EBITDAre and Adjusted EBITDAre should not be considered as alternatives to net income (loss), as an indication of our liquidity, nor as an indication of funds available to cover our cash needs, including our ability to fund distributions. Accordingly, EBITDAre and Adjusted EBITDAre should be reviewed in connection with other GAAP measurements, and should not be viewed as more prominent measures of performance than net income (loss) or cash flows from operations prepared in accordance with GAAP. Our EBITDAre and Adjusted EBITDAre, as presented, may not be comparable to amounts calculated by other REITS.

The following table presents our calculation of EBITDAre and Adjusted EBITDAre (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,			Year Ended December 31,		
		2021 2020			2020	
Calculation of EBITDAre						
Net income	\$	117	\$ 11,199	\$	5,462	
Adjustments:						
Depreciation and amortization		55,341	56,227		224,679	
Interest expense, net		20,063	22,775		85,303	
(Gain) loss on disposal of property, net		(13,841)	1,577		(6,494)	
Impairment of real estate assets		5,000	—		2,423	
Federal, state, and local tax expense		166	29		491	
Adjustments related to unconsolidated joint ventures		1,132	1,177		3,355	
EBITDAre	\$	67,978	\$ 92,984	\$	315,219	
Calculation of Adjusted EBITDAre						
EBITDAre	\$	67,978	\$ 92,984	\$	315,219	
Adjustments:						
Change in fair value of earn-out liability		16,000	(10,000)		(10,000)	
Other impairment charges		_	—		359	
Amortization of unconsolidated joint venture basis differences		746	467		1,883	
Transaction and acquisition expenses		141	45		539	
Adjusted EBITDAre	\$	84,865	\$ 83,496	\$	308,000	

# Liquidity and Capital Resources

General-Aside from standard operating expenses, we expect our principal cash demands to be for:

- · cash distributions to stockholders;
- investments in real estate;
- capital expenditures and leasing costs;
- redevelopment and repositioning projects; and
- · principal and interest payments on our outstanding indebtedness.

We expect our primary sources of liquidity to be:

- operating cash flows;
- proceeds received from the disposition of properties;
- reinvested distributions;
- proceeds from debt financings, including borrowings under our unsecured revolving credit facility;
- distributions received from our third-party institutional joint ventures; and
- · available, unrestricted cash and cash equivalents.

At this time, we believe our current sources of liquidity, most significantly our operating cash flows and borrowing availability on our revolving credit facility, are sufficient to meet our short- and long-term cash demands.



#### Debt-The following table summarizes information about our debt as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 (dollars in thousands):

	March	31, 2021 D	ecember 31, 2020
Total debt obligations, gross	\$	2,291,181 \$	2,307,686
Weighted-average interest rate		3.0 %	3.1 %
Weighted-average term (in years)		3.8	4.1
Revolving credit facility capacity <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	500,000 \$	500,000
Revolving credit facility availability <sup>(2)</sup>		490.310	490 404

(1) The revolving credit facility matures in October 2021 and includes an option to extend the maturity to October 2022, with its execution being subject to compliance with certain terms included in the loan agreement, including the absence of any defaults and the payment of relevant fees. We intend to either exercise our option to extend the maturity or to negotiate under new terms. (2)

Net of any outstanding balance and letters of credit.

As our debt obligations mature, we intend to refinance or pay off the balances at maturity using proceeds from operations and/or corporate-level debt.

Our debt is subject to certain covenants, and as of March 31, 2021, we were in compliance with the restrictive covenants of our outstanding debt obligations. We expect to continue to meet the requirements of our debt covenants over the next twelve months.

Financial Leverage Ratios-We believe our debt to Adjusted EBITDAre, debt to total enterprise value, and debt covenant compliance as of March 31, 2021 allow us access to future borrowings as needed in the near term. The following table presents our calculation of net debt and total enterprise value, inclusive of our prorated portion of net debt and cash and cash equivalents owned through our third-party institutional joint ventures, as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 (in thousands):

	М	arch 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	
Net debt:				
Total debt, excluding market adjustments and deferred financing expenses	\$	2,322,096	\$	2,345,620
Less: Cash and cash equivalents		20,738		104,952
Total net debt	\$	2,301,358	\$	2,240,668
Enterprise value:				
Net debt	\$	2,301,358	\$	2,240,668
Total equity value <sup>(1)</sup>		3,384,978		2,797,234
Total enterprise value	\$	5,686,336	\$	5,037,902

Total equity value is calculated as the number of common shares and OP units outstanding multiplied by the EVPS as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively. There were 320.9 (1) million diluted shares outstanding with an EVPS of \$10.55 as of March 31, 2021 and 319.7 million diluted shares outstanding with an EVPS of \$8.75 as of December 31, 2020.

The following table presents our calculation of net debt to Adjusted EBITDAre and net debt to total enterprise value as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 (dollars in thousands):

М	arch 31, 2021	Decembe	December 31, 2020	
\$	2,301,358	\$	2,240,668	
	309,369		308,000	
	7.4x		7.3x	
		-		
\$	2,301,358	\$	2,240,668	
	5,686,336		5,037,902	
	40.5%		44.5%	
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(1) Adjusted EBITDAre is based on a trailing twelve month period. See "Part I, Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Non-GAAP Measures - EBITDAre and Adjusted EBITDAre" of this filing on Form 10-Q for a reconciliation to Net Income.

Capital Expenditures and Redevelopment Activity-We make capital expenditures during the course of normal operations, including maintenance capital expenditures and tenant improvements as well as value-enhancing anchor space repositioning and redevelopment, ground-up outparcel development, and other accretive projects.

During the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, we had capital spend of \$13.5 million and \$16.0 million, respectively. Generally, we expect our development and redevelopment projects to stabilize within 24 months. We anticipate that obligations related to capital improvements as well as redevelopment and development in 2021 can be met with cash flows from operations, cash flows from dispositions, or borrowings on our unsecured revolving line of credit. Below is a summary of our capital spending activity on a cash basis (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2021		2020	
Capital expenditures for real estate:				
Capital improvements	\$ 848	\$	833	
Tenant improvements	3,741		3,714	
Redevelopment and development	 8,098		10,484	
Total capital expenditures for real estate	12,687		15,031	
Corporate asset capital expenditures	439		553	
Capitalized indirect costs <sup>(1)</sup>	411		381	
Total capital spending activity	\$ 13,537	\$	15,965	

(1) Amount includes internal salaries and related benefits of personnel who work directly on capital projects as well as capitalized interest expense.

Our underwritten incremental yields on development and redevelopment projects are expected to range between 8% to 11%. Our current in process projects represent an estimated total investment of \$35.1 million, and the total underwritten incremental yield range on this estimated investment is approximately 9.5% - 10.5%. Actual incremental yields may vary from our underwritten incremental yield range based on the actual total cost to complete a project and its actual incremental annual NOI at stabilization. See "Part I, Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Key Performance Indicators and Defined Terms" and "Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors" of this filing on Form 10-Q for further information.

Acquisition Activity—We continually monitor the commercial real estate market for properties that have future growth potential, are located in attractive demographic markets, and support our business objectives. During the three months ended March 31, 2021, we acquired two properties and two parcels of land for a total cash outlay of \$39.9 million. During the three months ended March 31, 2020, we acquired two parcels of land for a total cash outlay of \$4.3 million. See Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements.

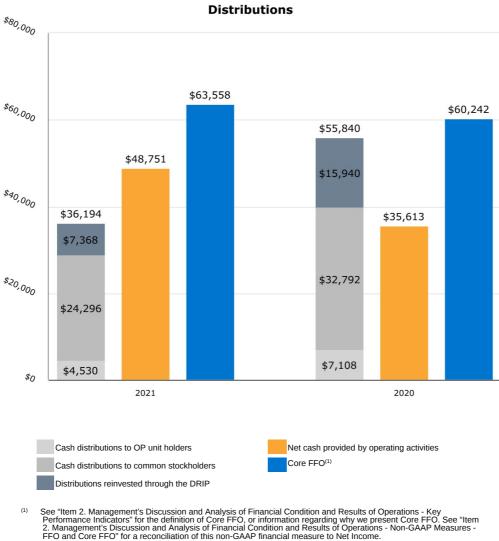
**Disposition Activity**—We are actively evaluating our portfolio of assets for opportunities to make strategic dispositions of assets that no longer meet our growth and investment objectives or assets that have stabilized in order to capture their value. We expect to continue to make strategic dispositions during the remainder of 2021. The following table highlights our property dispositions (dollars and square feet in thousands):

		Three Months Ended March 31,			
		2021	2020		
Number of properties sold		6	3		
Number of outparcels sold <sup>(1)</sup>		1	_		
Proceeds from sale of real estate	\$	58,356	\$ 17,447		
Gain (loss) on sale of property, net <sup>(2)</sup>		14,355	(826)		
<sup>(1)</sup> The outparcel sold in the first quarter of 2021 was the only remaining portion of one of ou	properties and therefore the sale resulted i	n a reduction in our total prop	erty count		

(1) The outparcel sold in the first quarter of 2021 was the only remaining portion of one of our properties, and therefore the sale resulted in a reduction in our total property count.

(2) The gain (loss) on sale of property, net does not include miscellaneous write-off activity, which is also recorded in Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Property, Net on the consolidated statements of operations.

Distributions—Distributions to our common stockholders and OP unit holders, including key financial metrics for comparison purposes, for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, are as follows (in thousands):



We paid monthly distributions of \$0.02833333 per share, or \$0.34 annualized, for the months of December 2020 and January, February, and March 2021. On April 14, 2021, our Board authorized distributions for May 2021 equal to a monthly amount of \$0.02833333 per share of common stock. The May 2021 distributions were paid on May 3, 2021.

On March 25, 2021, our Board announced that we are reviewing alternatives in order to provide liquidity to our shareholders. In connection with the review process, the Third Amended and Restated Dividend Reinvestment Plan has been suspended, beginning with the distribution payable on April 1, 2021. Stockholders will receive their full monthly distribution of \$0.02833333 per share in cash until further notice. The timing and amount of distributions is determined by our Board and is influenced in part by our intention to comply with REIT requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, as well as our results of operations, our general financial condition, general economic conditions, and other factors. Our Board intends to evaluate distributions on a monthly basis throughout 2021.

To maintain our qualification as a REIT, we must make aggregate annual distributions to our stockholders of at least 90% of our REIT taxable income (which is computed without regard to the dividends paid deduction or net capital gain, and which does not necessarily equal net income (loss) as calculated in accordance with GAAP). We generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the income that we distribute to our stockholders each year due to meeting the REIT qualification requirements. However, we may be subject to certain state and local taxes on our income, property, or net worth and to federal income and excise taxes on our undistributed income.

We have not established a minimum distribution level, and our charter does not require that we make distributions to our stockholders.

Cash Flow Activities—As of March 31, 2021, we had cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash of \$62.3 million, a net cash decrease of \$69.7 million during the three months ended March 31, 2021.

Below is a summary of our cash flow activity (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,					
		2021		2020	\$ Change	% Change
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	48,751	\$	35,613	\$ 13,138	36.9 %
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		4,690		(2,413)	7,103	NM
Net cash used in financing activities		(123,125)		(43,733)	(79,392)	NM

Operating Activities—Our net cash provided by operating activities was primarily impacted by the following:

- Property operations and working capital—Most of our operating cash comes from rental and tenant recovery income and is offset by property operating expenses, real
  estate taxes, and general and administrative costs. During the three months ended March 31, 2021, we had a net cash outlay of \$15.3 million from changes in working
  capital as compared to a net cash outlay of \$23.4 million during the same period in 2020. This change was primarily driven by improved collections on amounts due
  from Neighbors as well as expense reduction initiatives, and was partially offset by higher leasing commissions. Additionally, we had an increase in returns on our
  investments in unconsolidated joint ventures.
- Fee and management income—We also generate operating cash from our third-party investment management business, pursuant to various management and advisory agreements between us and the Managed Funds. Our fee and management income was \$2.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021, an increase of \$0.1 million as compared to the same period in 2020.
- Cash paid for interest—During the three months ended March 31, 2021, we paid \$18.9 million for interest, a decrease of \$1.4 million over the same period in 2020, largely due to a decrease in LIBOR and expiring interest rate swaps.

Investing Activities—Our net cash provided by (used in) investing activities was primarily impacted by the following:

- Real estate acquisitions—During the three months ended March 31, 2021, our acquisitions resulted in a total cash outlay of \$39.9 million, as compared to a total cash outlay of \$4.3 million during the same period in 2020.
- Real estate dispositions—During the three months ended March 31, 2021, our dispositions resulted in a net cash inflow of \$58.4 million, as compared to a net cash inflow of \$17.4 million during the same period in 2020.
- Capital expenditures—We invest capital into leasing our properties and maintaining or improving the condition of our properties. During the three months ended March 31, 2021, we paid \$13.5 million for capital expenditures, a decrease of \$2.4 million over the same period in 2020, primarily due to the timing of our development and redevelopment projects.
- Investment in third parties—During the three months ended March 31, 2021, we made an investment in a third party business that resulted in a net cash outflow of \$3.0 million.

Financing Activities—Our net cash used in financing activities was primarily impacted by the following:

- Debt borrowings and payments—During the three months ended March 31, 2021, we had \$16.5 million in net repayment of debt primarily as a result of early repayments of mortgage loans. During the three months ended March 31, 2020 we had net borrowings of \$1.5 million, largely as a result of drawing \$34.0 million on our revolving credit facility, offset by a pay down in January 2020 of \$30.0 million on term loan debt maturing in 2021.
- Distributions to stockholders and OP unit holders—Cash used for distributions to common stockholders and OP unit holders decreased \$11.1 million for the three
  months ended March 31, 2021 as compared to the same period in 2020, primarily due a reduction of the distribution rate beginning with the December 2020
  distribution, which was paid in January 2021, and due to a lower share count as a result of a tender offer.
- Share repurchases—Cash outflows for share repurchases increased by \$72.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021 as compared to the same period in 2020, primarily as a result of a tender offer, which was settled in January 2021. In connection with the liquidity alternative review process, the Fourth Amended SRP, which is currently limited to repurchases resulting from DDI of stockholders, has been suspended, and the March 31, 2021 repurchases related to stockholder DDI were not executed. The SRP for both standard and DDI requests will remain suspended until further notice.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Our 2020 Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on March 12, 2021, contains a description of our critical accounting policies and estimates, including those relating to real estate acquisitions, rental income, and the valuation of real estate assets. There have been no significant changes to our critical accounting policies during 2021.

# ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

There have been no material changes from the quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk disclosed in "Part II, Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk" of our 2020 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 12, 2021.

## **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

## **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our management, with the participation of our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of March 31, 2021. Based on that evaluation, our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of March 31, 2021.

#### **Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

During the quarter ended March 31, 2021, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

# **W PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

## **ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

From time to time, we are party to legal proceedings, which arise in the ordinary course of our business. We are not currently involved in any legal proceedings for which we are not covered by our liability insurance or the outcome is reasonably likely to have a material impact on our results of operations or financial condition, nor are we aware of any such legal proceedings contemplated by governmental authorities.

## **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

The following risk factor supplements the risk factors set forth in our 2020 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 12, 2021. Except to the extent updated below or previously updated, or to the extent additional factual information disclosed elsewhere in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q relates to such risk factors (including, without limitation, the matters discussed in "Part I, Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations"), there were no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in "Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors" of our 2020 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 12, 2021.

# The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has had, and is expected to continue to have, a negative effect on our and our Neighbors' businesses, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, and liquidity.

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused, and is expected to continue to cause, significant disruptions to the United States and global economy and has contributed to significant volatility and negative pressure in financial markets. The global impact of the outbreak is continually evolving and, as additional cases of the virus are identified, many countries, including the United States, reacted by instituting quarantines, restrictions on travel, and/or mandatory closures of businesses. Certain states and cities, including where our properties are located, also reacted by instituting quarantines, restrictions on travel, "shelter-in-place" or "stay-at-home" rules, restrictions on types of businesses that may continue to operate, and/or restrictions on the types of construction projects that may continue. In May 2020, many state and local governments began lifting, in whole or in part, the "stay-at-home" mandates, effectively removing or lessening the limitations on travel, and allowing many businesses to reopen in full or limited capacity.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our business and financial performance, and we expect this impact to continue. Our retail and service-based tenants (whom we refer to as a "Neighbor" or our "Neighbors") depend on in-person interactions with their customers to generate unit-level profitability, and the COVID-19 pandemic has decreased, and may continue to decrease, customers' willingness to frequent, and mandated "shelter-in-place" or "stay-at-home" orders may prevent customers from frequenting our Neighbors' businesses, which may result in their inability to maintain profitability and make timely rental payments to us under their leases or to otherwise seek lease modifications or to declare bankruptcy. At the peak of the pandemic-related closure activity, for our wholly-owned properties and those owned through our joint ventures, our temporary closures reached approximately 37% of all Neighbor spaces, totaling 27% of our annualized base rent ("ABR") and 22% of our gross leasable area ("GLA"). All temporarily closed Neighbors have since been permitted to reopen; however, a portion of our Neighbors have permanently closed, and we are working to backfill these spaces. Some may be limiting the number of customers allowed in their stores, or have modified their operations in other ways that may impact their profitability, either as a result of government mandates or self-elected efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19. These actions, as well as the continuing economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, could result in increased permanent store closures. In addition to the permanent closures that have occurred in our portfolio, this could reduce the demand for leasing space in our shopping centers and result in a decline in average rental rates on expiring leases.

While most of our Neighbors have reopened, we cannot presently determine how many of the Neighbors that remain closed will reopen, or whether a portion of those that have reopened will be required by government mandates to temporarily close again or will encounter financial difficulties that require them to close permanently. We believe substantially all Neighbors, including those that were required to temporarily close under governmental mandates, are contractually obligated to continue with their rent payments as documented in our lease agreements with them. However, we believe it is best to begin negotiation of relief only once a Neighbor has reopened and made payments toward rent and recovery charges accrued. Inclusive of our prorated share of properties owned through our joint ventures, as of April 20, 2021, we have \$5.4 million of ustanting payment plans with our Neighbors, and we had recorded rent abatements of approximately \$4.4 million during



2021. These payment plans and rent abatements represented 1.4% and 1.1% of portfolio ABR, respectively, and the weighted-average term over which we expect to receive remaining amounts owed on executed payment plans is approximately 13 months. We are still actively pursuing past due amounts under the terms negotiated with our Neighbors. We are in negotiations with additional Neighbors, which we believe will lead to more Neighbors repaying their past due charges. As of April 20, 2021, we have collected approximately 95% of rent and recoveries billed during the second through fourth quarters of 2020, and approximately 95% of rent and recoveries billed during the first quarter of 2021. In the event of any default by a Neighbor under its lease agreement or relief agreement, we may not be able to fully recover, and/or may experience delays in recovering and additional costs in enforcing our rights as landlord to recover, amounts due to us under the terms of the lease agreement and/or relief agreement. Additionally, certain Neighbors have declared bankruptcy as a result of the effects of the pandemic. As of March 31, 2021, we have several Neighbors in bankruptcy proceedings where we have not yet received notice that the lease has been assumed or rejected, representing an exposure of approximately 1% of our total ABR.

Moreover, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, restrictions intended to prevent and mitigate its spread, resulting consumer behavior, and the economic slowdown or recession could have additional adverse effects on our business, including with regards to:

- the ability and willingness of our Neighbors to renew their leases upon expiration, our ability to re-lease the properties on the same or better terms in the event of
  nonrenewal or in the event we exercise our right to replace an existing Neighbor, and obligations we may incur in connection with the replacement of an existing
  Neighbor, particularly in light of the adverse impact to the financial health of many retailers and service providers that has occurred and continues to occur as a result
  of the COVID-19 pandemic and the significant uncertainty as to when and the conditions under which certain potential Neighbors will be able to operate physical retail
  locations in the future;
- a potential sustained or permanent increase in online shopping instead of shopping at physical retail properties, thereby reducing demand for space in our shopping centers and possible related reductions in rent or increased costs to lease space;
- the adverse impact of current economic conditions on the market value of our real estate portfolio and our third-party investment management business, and consequently on the estimated value per share of our common stock;
- the adverse impact of the current economic conditions on our ability to effect a liquidity event at an attractive price or at all in the near term and for a potentially lengthy period of time;
- the financial impact and continued economic uncertainty that could continue to negatively impact our ability to pay distributions to our stockholders and/or to repurchase shares;
- to the extent we were seeking to sell properties in the near term, significantly greater uncertainty regarding our ability to do so at attractive prices or at all;
- anticipated returns from development and redevelopment projects, which have been prioritized to support the reopening of our Neighbors and new leasing activity, or deferred if possible;
- the broader impact of the severe economic contraction due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the resulting increase in unemployment that has occurred in the short-term
  and its effect on consumer behavior, and negative consequences that will occur if these trends are not reversed in a timely way;
- state, local, or industry-initiated efforts, such as a rent freeze for Neighbors or a suspension of a landlord's ability to enforce evictions, which may affect our ability to collect rent or enforce remedies for the failure to pay rent;
- severe disruption and instability in the global financial markets or deteriorations in credit and financing conditions, which could make it difficult for us to access debt and equity capital on attractive terms, or at all, and impact our ability to fund business operations and activities and repay liabilities on a timely basis;
- our ability to pay down, refinance, restructure, or extend our indebtedness as it becomes due, and our potential inability to comply with the financial covenants of our credit facility and other debt agreements, which could result in a default and potential acceleration of indebtedness and impact our ability to make additional borrowings under our credit facility or otherwise in the future; and
- the potential negative impact on the health of our personnel, particularly if a significant number of them and/or key personnel are impacted, and the potential impact of
  adaptations to our operations in order to protect our personnel, such as remote work arrangements, could introduce operational risk, including but not limited to
  cybersecurity risks, and could impair our ability to manage our business.

We may in the future choose to pay distributions in shares of our common stock rather than solely in cash, which may result in our stockholders having a tax liability with respect to such distributions that exceeds the amount of cash received, if any.

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While the rapid developments regarding the COVID-19 pandemic preclude any prediction as to its ultimate adverse impact, the current economic, political, and social environment presents material risks and uncertainties with respect to our and our Neighbors' business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, liquidity, and ability to satisfy debt service obligations. Moreover, to the extent any of these risks and uncertainties adversely impact us in the ways described above or otherwise, they may also have the effect of heightening many of the other risks described under the section entitled "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020.

## Actual incremental yields for our development and redevelopment projects may vary from our underwritten incremental yield range.

As part of our standard development and redevelopment underwriting process, we analyze the yield for each project and establish a range of target yields ("underwritten incremental yields"). Underwritten incremental yields reflect the yield we target to generate from each project upon expected stabilization and are calculated as the estimated incremental NOI for a project at stabilization divided by its estimated net project investment. The estimated incremental NOI is the difference between the estimated annualized NOI we target to generate from a project upon stabilization and the estimated annualized NOI without the planned improvements. Underwritten incremental yield does not include peripheral impacts, such as lease rollover risk or the impact on the long term value of the property upon sale or disposition.

Underwritten incremental yields are based solely on our estimates, using data available to us in our development and redevelopment underwriting processes. The actual total cost to complete a development or redevelopment project may differ substantially from our estimates due to various factors, including unanticipated expenses, delays in the estimated start and/or completion date of planned development projects, effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and other contingencies. In addition, the actual incremental NOI from our planned development and redevelopment arctivities may differ substantially from our estimates based on numerous other factors, including delays and/or difficulties in leasing and stabilizing a development or redevelopment project, failure to obtain estimated occupancy and rental rates, inability to collect anticipated rental revenues, Neighbor bankruptcies, and unanticipated expenses that we cannot pass on to our Neighbors. Actual incremental yields may vary from our underwritten incremental yield range based on the actual total cost to complete a project and its incremental NOI at stabilization.

#### We and the Operating Partnership entered into a tax protection agreement with certain protected partners, which may limit the Operating Partnership's ability to sell or otherwise dispose of certain properties and may require the Operating Partnership to maintain certain debt levels that otherwise would not be required to operate its business.

We and our consolidated subsidiary, Phillips Edison Grocery Center Operating Partnership I, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"), entered into a tax protection agreement with, among others, Jeffrey S. Edison, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and certain entities controlled by him at the closing of a transaction in May 2017 pursuant to which we internalized our management structure through the acquisition of certain real estate assets and the third party investment management business of Phillips Edison Limited Partnership in exchange for ownership units of the Operating Partnership and cash. Pursuant to this tax protection agreement, if the Operating Partnership: (i) sells, exchanges, transfers or otherwise disposes of certain properties in a taxable transaction, or undertakes any taxable merger, combination, consolidation or similar transaction (including a transfer of all or substantially all assets), for a period of ten years commencing on October 4, 2017; or (ii) fails, prior to the expiration of such period, to maintain certain minimum levels of indebtedness that would be allocable to each protected partner for tax purposes or, under certain circumstances, fails to offer such protected partners the opportunity to guarantee certain types of the Operating Partnership's indebtedness, then the Operating Partnership will indemnify each affected partner, including our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Jeffrey S. Edison, against certain resulting tax liabilities. Our tax indemnification obligations include a tax gross-up.

Therefore, although it may be in our stockholders' best interest for us to cause the Operating Partnership to sell, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose of one of these properties, it may be economically prohibitive for us to do so until the expiration of the protection period in 2027 because of these indemnity obligations. Moreover, these obligations may require us to cause the Operating Partnership to maintain more or different indebtedness than we would otherwise require for our business. As a result, the tax protection agreement could, during its term, restrict our ability to take actions or make decisions that otherwise would be in our best interests.

## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

### Share Repurchases

During the three months ended March 31, 2021, we repurchased shares as follows (shares in thousands):

	Period	Total Number of Shares Repurchased	Ave	rage Price Paid per Share <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of a Publicly Announced Plan or Program <sup>(1)</sup>	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Repurchased Under the Program
January 2021 <sup>(3)</sup>		54	\$	8.75	—	(2)
February 2021		64		5.75	64	(2)
March 2021		9		5.75	9	(2)

(1) We announced the commencement of the Share Repurchase Program ("SRP") in August 2010. It has subsequently been amended, most recently in January 2021.

(2) We currently limit the dollar value and number of shares that may yet be repurchased under the SRP, as described in "Part II, Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters, and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 12, 2021.

<sup>(3)</sup> During the three months ended March 31, 2021, we repurchased approximately 54,000 shares for an aggregate purchase price of \$0.5 million (average price of \$8.75 per share) in connection with common shares surrendered to us to satisfy statutory minimum tax withholding obligations associated with the vesting of restricted stock awards under our equity-based compensation plan.

On March 25, 2021, our Board announced that we are reviewing alternatives in order to provide liquidity to our shareholders. In connection with the review process, the Fourth Amended and Restated SRP has been suspended, and the March 31, 2021 repurchases related to stockholder death, qualifying disability, or determination of incompetence ("DDI") were not executed. The SRP for both standard and DDI requests will remain suspended until further notice.

## **ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

#### Long-Term Incentive Award

On April 29, 2021, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Committee") modified the Company's long-term incentive program applicable to Devin I. Murphy, President of the Company, and granted Mr. Murphy a long-term incentive award (the "2021 LTIP Award") in the form of 41,143 fully vested Class B limited partnership units of Phillips Edison Grocery Center Operating Partnership I, L.P. and 123,429 performance-based Class C Units of Phillips Edison Grocery Center Operating Partnership I, L.P. ("Class C Units").

In March 2019, the Compensation Committee granted Mr. Murphy a one-time long-term incentive award of performance-based Class C units (the "Special LTIP Award") in order to drive long-term incremental revenue streams from the investment management business, focusing his efforts more on building recurring revenue than transaction-based fee income. In 2018, prior to approval of the Special LTIP Award tied specifically to performance of the investment management business, the form of Mr. Murphy's long-term incremental revenue streams from the investment management business, the investment management business, the form of Mr. Murphy's long-term incremitive mirrored that of the other executives, consisting of an annual restricted time-based award, and a performance-based award. At the time the Special LTIP Award was granted, the Committee intended that the Special LTIP Award would be in lieu of any other long-term incremive awards to Mr. Murphy under the Company's 2019 long-term incentive program. Several factors have led the Committee to reinstate an annual long-term incentive award, like those granted to each of the other executives, in addition to the Special LTIP, including: (1) continued focus on building recurring revenue streams from the investment management business; (2) further alignment of incentives across the executive team on 3-year Core FFO per share and Same-Center NOI growth; and (3) a market evaluation of Mr. Murphy's total compensation package and structure, including but not limited to the retention value of the plan.

Mr. Murphy's performance-based 2021 LTIP Award is earned based on the achievement of the following two equally-weighted performance metrics measured at the end of the three-year performance period commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023: (i) the Company's three-year average Same-Center NOI growth measured against a peer group of eight public retail real estate investment trusts, and (ii) the Company's three-year Core FFO per share growth measured against the same peer group. The maximum number of Class C Units earned under the performance-based 2021 LTIP Award cannot exceed two times the target number of Class C Units. One hundred percent of the Class C Units earned under the performance-based 2021 LTIP Award will vest when earned at the end of the three-year performance period. If Mr. Murphy's employment terminates for any reason other than by the Company for cause, he will remain eligible to vest in the performance-based 2021 LTIP Award as follows: (i) if the termination occurs before 50% of the performance period has elapsed, a pro-rated portion of the award actually earned will vest based on performance at the end of the performance period, with the pro-ration calculated based on the ratio of the number of days employed during the performance period to the total number of days in the performance period, and (ii) if the termination occurs after 50% or more performance period has elapsed, 100% of the Class C Units that are actually earned at the end of the performance period will vest.

The performance metrics, threshold, target, and maximum performance levels, and other terms of the performance-based 2021 LTIP Award are substantially similar to those applicable to similar performance-based long-term incentive awards granted to the Company's other named executive officers and described in the Company's proxy statement filed on April 9, 2021.



#### Estimated Value per Share

Valuation Overview—On April 29, 2021, the independent directors of our Board declared the estimated value per share ("EVPS") of our common stock as \$10.55. The valuation was based substantially on the estimated "as is" market value of our portfolio of real estate properties in various geographic locations in the United States as well as our pro rata share of those properties owned through our joint ventures (collectively, our "Portfolio") and the estimated value of in-place contracts of our third-party asset management business as of March 31, 2021.

We provided the EVPS to assist broker-dealers that participated in our public offering in meeting their customer account statement reporting obligations under Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") Rule 2231. This valuation was performed in accordance with the provisions of Practice Guideline 2013-01, Valuations of Publicly Registered Non-Listed REITs, issued by the Institute for Portfolio Alternatives ("IPA") in April 2013 ("IPA Valuation Guidelines").

We engaged Duff & Phelps, LLC ("Duff & Phelps"), an independent valuation expert that has expertise in appraising commercial real estate assets, to provide a calculation of the range in EVPS of our common stock as of March 31, 2021. Duff & Phelps prepared a valuation report ("Valuation Report") that provided this range based substantially on its estimate of the "as is" market value of the Portfolio and the estimated value of in-place contracts of the third-party asset management business. Duff & Phelps made adjustments to the aggregate estimated value of our Portfolio to reflect balance sheet assets and liabilities provided by our management as of March 31, 2021, before calculating a range of estimated values based on the number of outstanding shares of our common stock as of March 31, 2021. These calculations produced an EVPS in the range of \$9.87 to \$11.22 as of March 31, 2021, and the independent directors, after discussions with management, approved \$10.55 as the EVPS as of March 31, 2021. We previously established an EVPS of \$8.75 (as of March 31, 2020) on May 6, 2020 based substantially on the same methodology and process. We expect to review the EVPS at least annually.

The following table summarizes the material components of the EVPS of our common stock as of March 31, 2021 (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Low	High
Investment in Real Estate Assets:		
Phillips Edison real estate valuation	\$ 5,363,344	\$ 5,788,544
Management company	44,000	44,000
Joint venture properties <sup>(1)</sup>	71,758	77,854
Total market value	5,479,102	5,910,398
Other Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	15,649	15,649
Restricted cash	41,621	41,621
Accounts receivable	67,457	67,457
Prepaid expenses and other assets	16,184	 16,184
Total other assets	140,911	140,911
Liabilities:		
Notes payable and credit facility	21,500	21,500
Mark to market - debt	2,322,090	2,322,090
Derivative liability	42,970	42,970
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	65,777	65,777
Total liabilities	2,452,337	2,452,337
Net Asset Value	\$ 3,167,676	\$ 3,598,972
Common stock and Operating Partnership units ("OP units") outstanding	320,892	320,892
Net Asset Value Per Share	\$ 9.87	\$ 11.22

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents our pro rata share of the properties owned by our joint ventures.

Our goal is to provide an estimate of the market value of our shares. However, the majority of our assets consist of commercial real estate, and as with any valuation methodology, the methodologies used were based upon a number of assumptions and estimates that may not have been accurate or complete. Different parties with different assumptions and estimates could have been significant. These limitations are discussed further under "Limitations of Estimated Value per Share" below.



Valuation Methodologies—Our goal in calculating an EVPS was to arrive at a value that was reasonable and based off of what we deemed to be appropriate valuation and appraisal methodologies and assumptions and a process that was in accordance with the IPA Valuation Guidelines. The following is a summary of the valuation methodologies and components used to calculate the EVPS.

Independent Valuation Firm—We retained Duff & Phelps on February 11, 2021, as authorized by the independent directors of the Board, to provide independent valuation services. Duff & Phelps, who is not affiliated with us, is a leading global valuation advisor with expertise in complex valuation work. Duff & Phelps had previously provided services to us pertaining to the allocation of acquisition purchase prices for financial reporting purposes in connection with the Portfolio, for which it received usual and customary compensation. Duff & Phelps may be engaged to provide professional services to us in the future. The Duff & Phelps personnel who prepared the valuation had no present or prospective interest in the Portfolio and no personal interest with us.

Duff & Phelps' engagement for its valuation services was not contingent upon developing or reporting predetermined results. In addition, Duff & Phelps' compensation for completing the valuation services was not contingent upon the development or reporting of a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of us, the amount of the value opinion, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event directly related to the intended use of its Valuation Report. We agreed to indemnify Duff & Phelps against certain liabilities arising out of this engagement.

Duff & Phelps' analyses, opinions, or conclusions were developed, and the Valuation Report was prepared, in conformity with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. The Valuation Report was reviewed, approved and signed by individuals with the professional designation of MAI (Member of the Appraisal Institute). The use of the Valuation Report is subject to the requirements of the Appraisal Institute relating to review by its duly authorized representatives. Duff & Phelps did not inspect the properties that formed the Portfolio.

In preparing the Valuation Report, Duff & Phelps relied on information provided by us regarding the Portfolio. For example, we provided information regarding building size, year of construction, land size and other physical, financial, and economic characteristics. We also provided lease information, such as current rent amounts, rent commencement and expiration dates, and rent increase amounts and dates.

Duff & Phelps did not investigate the legal description or legal matters relating to the Portfolio, including title or encumbrances, and title to the properties was assumed to be good and marketable. The Portfolio was also assumed to be free and clear of liens, easements, encroachments and other encumbrances, and to be in full compliance with zoning, use, occupancy, environmental and similar laws unless otherwise stated by us. The Valuation Report contains other assumptions, qualifications and limitations that qualify the analysis, opinions and conclusions set forth therein. Furthermore, the prices at which our real estate properties may actually be sold could differ from their appraised values.

The foregoing is a summary of the standard assumptions, qualifications and limitations that generally apply to the Valuation Report.

Real Estate Portfolio Valuation—Duff & Phelps estimated the "as is" market values of the Portfolio as of March 31, 2021 using various methodologies. Generally accepted valuation practice suggests assets may be valued using a range of methodologies. Duff & Phelps utilized the income capitalization approach with support from the sales comparison approach for each property. The income approach was the primary indicator of value, with secondary consideration given to the sales approach. Duff & Phelps performed a study of each market to measure current market conditions, supply and demand factors, growth patterns, and their effect on each of the subject properties.

The income capitalization approach simulates the reasoning of an investor who views the cash flows that would result from the anticipated revenue and expense on a property throughout its lifetime. Under the income capitalization approach, Duff & Phelps used an estimated net operating income ("NOI") for each property, and then converted it to a value indication using a discounted cash flow analysis. The discounted cash flow analysis focuses on the operating cash flows expected from a property and the anticipated proceeds of a hypothetical sale at the end of an assumed holding period, with these amounts then being discounted to their present value. The discounted cash flow method is appropriate for the analysis of investment properties with multiple leases, particularly leases with cancellation clauses or renewal options, and especially in volatile markets.

The sales comparison approach estimates value based on what other purchasers and sellers in the market have agreed to as a price for comparable improved properties. This approach is based upon the principle of substitution, which states that the limits of prices, rents and rates tend to be set by the prevailing prices, rents and rates of equally desirable substitutes. Duff & Phelps gathered comparable sales data throughout various markets as secondary support for its valuation estimate.

The following summarizes the upper and lower bounds of the average terminal capitalization rates and discount rates that were used to arrive at the estimated market values of our Portfolio:

#### Terminal Capitalization Rate

#### **Discount Rate**

6.77% - 7.27% 7.38% - 7.88% hird-party asset management business using various underlying assets approach, with the income approach

Range in Value

Management Company Valuation—Duff & Phelps estimated the aggregate market value associated with our third-party asset management business using various methodologies. Duff & Phelps considered various applications of the income approach, market approach, and underlying assets approach, with the income approach determined to be the most reliable method for purposes of the analysis. The income approach analysis considered the projected fee income earned for services provided pursuant to various management and advisory agreements over the expected duration of that contract, assuming normal and customary renewal provisions. Such services include property management services performed for the properties in the Portfolio, as well as property and asset management services for certain unaffiliated real estate investment portfolios. In performing this analysis, solely fee income related to properties owned as of March 31, 2021 was considered. The income approach also considered a reasonable level of expenses to support such activities, as well as other adjustments, and a discount rate that accounted for the time value of money and the risk of achieving the projected cash flows. All other assets

and liabilities acquired are short term in nature and therefore the carrying value is considered to approximate the fair value. The result of the income approach analysis was the aggregate market value of the third-party asset management business, from which an estimated market value of net tangible assets (liabilities) was subtracted (added), to result in the aggregate intangible value of the management company.

Sensitivity Analysis—While we believe that Duff & Phelps' assumptions and inputs were reasonable, a change in these assumptions would have impacted the calculations of the estimated value of the Portfolio, the estimated value of our third-party asset management business, and our EVPS. The table below illustrates the impact on Duff & Phelps' range in EVPS if the terminal capitalization rates or discount rates were adjusted by 25 basis points and assumes all other factors remain unchanged. Additionally, the table illustrates the impact if only one change in assumptions was made, with all other factors held constant. Further, each of these assumptions could change by more than 25 basis points or 5%.

	Resulting Range in Estimated Value Per Share				
	Increase of 25 basis points	Decrease of 25 basis points	Increase of 5%	Decrease of 5%	
Terminal Capitalization Rate	\$9.56 - \$10.84	\$10.20 - \$11.61	\$9.44 - \$10.73	\$10.33 - \$11.74	
Discount Rate	\$9.56 - \$10.88	\$10.18 - \$11.56	\$9.40 - \$10.73	\$10.35 - \$11.71	

Other Assets and Other Liabilities—Duff & Phelps made adjustments to the aggregate estimated values of our investments to reflect our other assets and other liabilities based on balance sheet information provided by us as of March 31, 2021.

**Role of the Independent Directors**—The independent directors discussed the valuation process and results with representatives of Duff & Phelps. The independent directors also discussed the results, the Portfolio, the third-party asset management business, our other assets and liabilities, and other matters with management. Management recommended to the independent directors that \$10.55 per share be approved as the EVPS of our common stock. The independent directors discussed the rationale for this value with management.

Following the independent directors' discussion with Duff & Phelps and the recommendation of management, and in light of other factors considered by the independent directors, the independent directors concluded that the range in EVPS of \$9.87 to \$11.22 was appropriate. The independent directors agreed to accept the recommendation of management and approved \$10.55 as the EVPS of our common stock as of March 31, 2021, which determination was ultimately and solely the responsibility of the independent directors.

Limitations of Estimated Value per Share—We are providing this EVPS to assist broker-dealers that participated in our public offering in meeting our customer account statement reporting obligations. This valuation was performed in accordance with the provisions of the IPA Valuation Guidelines. As with any valuation methodology, the methodologies used were based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that may not have been accurate or complete. Different parties with different assumptions and estimates could have derived a different EVPS, and this difference could have been significant. The EVPS is not audited and does not represent a determination of the fair value of our assets or liabilities based on accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"), nor does it represent a liquidation value of our assets and liabilities, the price a third party would pay to acquire us, the price at which our shares of common stock would trade in secondary markets, or the amount at which our shares of common stock would trade on a national securities exchange.

Accordingly, we can give no assurance that:

- our shares would trade at or near the EVPS if listed on a national securities exchange;
- a stockholder would be able to resell his or her shares at the EVPS;
- a stockholder would ultimately realize distributions per share equal to the EVPS upon a liquidation of our assets and settlement of our liabilities;
- a stockholder would receive an amount per share equal to the EVPS upon a sale of the Company;
- a third party would offer the EVPS in an arm's-length transaction to purchase all or substantially all of our shares of common stock;
- another independent third-party appraiser or third-party valuation firm would agree with our EVPS; or
- the methodologies used to calculate our EVPS would be acceptable to FINRA for use on customer account statements or that the EVPS will satisfy the applicable annual valuation requirements under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Further, we have not made any adjustments to the valuation of our EVPS for the impact of other transactions occurring subsequent to March 31, 2021, including, but not limited to, (1) acquisitions or dispositions of assets; (2) the issuance of common stock under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan ("DRIP"), which was suspended beginning with the distribution payable April 1, 2021; (3) NOI and dividends declared (see "Part I, Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Non-GAAP Measures - Same-Center Net Operating Income" of this filing on Form 10-Q for the calculation of NOI); (4) the repurchase of shares; and (5) changes in leases, tenancy, or other business and operational changes. The value of our shares of common stock will fluctuate over time in response to developments related to individual real estate assets, the management of those assets, and changes in the real estate and finance markets. Because of, among other factors, the high concentration of our total assets in real estate and the number of shares of our common stock outstanding, changes in the value of individual real estate assets or changes in valuation assumptions could have a very significant impact on the value of our shares of certain of our debt obligations, or the impact of restrictions on the assumption of debt. Accordingly, the EVPS of our common stock may or may not be an accurate reflection of the fair market value of our stockholders' investments and will not likely represent the amount of net proceeds that would result from an immediate sale of our assets.

## **ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

Ex.	Description
31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*
32.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as created by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*
32.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as created by Section 906 of the Sarbanes -Oxley Act of 2002*
99.1	Consent of Duff & Phelps, LLC*
101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document - the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as inline XBRL and contained in exhibit 101)

\*Filed herewith

## SIGNATURES

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

Date: May 4, 2021

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## PHILLIPS EDISON & COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey S. Edison Jeffrey S. Edison Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ John P. Caulfield

John P. Caulfield Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)

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#### Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, Jeffrey S. Edison, certify that:

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

Date: May 4, 2021

/s/ Jeffrey S. Edison

Jeffrey S. Edison Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

#### Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, John P. Caulfield, certify that:

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

Date: May 4, 2021

/s/ John P. Caulfield

John P. Caulfield Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)

## Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Phillips Edison & Company, Inc. (the "Registrant") for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, Jeffrey S. Edison, Chief Executive Officer of the Registrant, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of his knowledge and belief:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Registrant.

Date: May 4, 2021

/s/ Jeffrey S. Edison

Jeffrey S. Edison Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

## Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Phillips Edison & Company, Inc. (the "Registrant") for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, John P. Caulfield, Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of his knowledge and belief:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Registrant.

Date: May 4, 2021

/s/ John P. Caulfield

John P. Caulfield Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)

## CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT VALUATION EXPERT

Phillips Edison & Company, Inc.:

We hereby consent to the reference to our name and description of our role in the valuation process of Phillips Edison & Company, Inc. (the "Company") included in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, and incorporated by reference into the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-209506) and the related prospectus included therein. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

/s/ Duff & Phelps, LLC

Chicago, Illinois May 4, 2021