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# **CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

		Proposed	Proposed	
	Amount	Maximum	Maximum	Amount of
Title of Each Class of	to be	Offering	<b>Aggregate Offering</b>	Registration
Securities to be Registered 3.90% Notes due 2024	Registered	Price Per Unit	<b>Price</b> \$350,000,000	Fee(1) \$45,080

(1) This filing fee is calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), and relates to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-179696) filed on February 25, 2012 (the Registration Statement ). In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act, the registrant deferred payment of the registration fee for the Registration Statement.

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# PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus dated February 24, 2012)

\$350,000,000

#### 3.90% Notes due 2024

We are offering \$350,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 3.90 percent (3.90%) notes due 2024. The notes will have the following terms:

Interest on the notes will be payable semi-annually on June 15 and December 15 commencing December 15, 2014.

The notes mature on June 15, 2024. The notes are redeemable in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the applicable redemption price described in the section entitled Description of Notes Optional Redemption.

There is no sinking fund.

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally with all of our other senior unsecured indebtedness from time to time outstanding. However, the notes will be subordinated to our mortgage debt and other secured indebtedness (to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt) and will be effectively subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries (to the extent of the value of the assets of those subsidiaries).

The notes are a new series of securities with no established trading market. The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or automated quotation system.

Investing in the notes involves risks. See <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page S-4 of this prospectus supplement and beginning on page 6 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, which is incorporated herein by reference.

	Per Note	Total
Public Offering Price <sup>(1)</sup>	99.798%	\$ 349,293,000
Underwriting Discount	0.650%	\$ 2,275,000
Proceeds to National Retail Properties, Inc. (before		
expenses) <sup>(1)</sup>	99.148%	\$ 347,018,000

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from May 14, 2014 if settlement occurs after that date.

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

We expect that delivery of the notes will be made to investors through the book-entry delivery system of The Depository Trust Company for the accounts of its participants, including Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, and Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V., as operator for the Euroclear System, against payment in New York, New York on or about May 14, 2014.

#### Joint Book-Running Managers

Wells Fargo Securities	<b>BofA Merrill Lynch</b>	US Bancorp
Jefferies	<b>RBC Capital Markets</b>	SunTrust Robinson Humphrey
	Senior Co-Managers	

BB&T Capital Markets	Citigroup	Morgan Stanley
	Co-Managers	

Capital One Securities Raymond James
The date of this prospectus supplement is May 5, 2014

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# ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus we may authorize to be delivered to you. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide you with different or additional information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We and the underwriters are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, the securities only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. You should not assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, any free writing prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

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

In this prospectus supplement, the words we, our, ours and us refer to National Retail Properties, Inc. and its subsidiaries and joint ventures, unless the context indicates otherwise.

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# FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents that are incorporated by reference, that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ). Also, when we use any of the words anticipate, assume, believe, estimate, expect, intend or similar expressions, we are making forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guaranteed and are based on our present intentions and on our present expectations and assumptions. These statements, intentions, expectations and assumptions involve risks and uncertainties, some of which are beyond our control, that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those we anticipate or project, such as:

the ability of our tenants to make payments under their respective leases, including our reliance on certain major tenants and our ability to re-lease properties that are currently vacant or that become vacant;

our ability to locate suitable tenants for our properties;

changes in real estate market conditions and general economic conditions that could adversely impact our occupancy or rental rates;

the inherent risks associated with owning real estate (including local real estate market conditions, governing laws and regulations and illiquidity of real estate investments);

our ability to sell properties at an attractive price;

the ability of borrowers to make payments of principal and interest under structured finance investments we make to such borrowers;

our ability to gain access to the underlying collateral for any structured finance investments to borrowers;

our ability to repay debt financing obligations;

our ability to refinance amounts outstanding under our credit facilities at maturity on terms favorable to us;

the loss of any member of our management team;

our ability to be in compliance with certain debt covenants;

our ability to integrate acquired properties and operations into our existing operations;

continued availability of debt or equity capital, as needed, to meet our liquidity needs;

the availability of other debt and equity financing alternatives;

volatility and general market conditions affecting our sources and costs of capital;

changes in federal or state tax rules or regulations that could have adverse tax consequences;

changes in laws, the impact of future laws and regulations, and litigation risks; and

our ability to qualify as a real estate investment trust for federal income tax purposes. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, as events described or implied in such statements may not occur. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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#### **SUMMARY**

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information and consolidated financial statements (including the notes thereto) contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Because this is a summary, it may not contain all of the information that is important to you. You should read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the information incorporated by reference herein and therein, before making an investment decision.

#### The Company

We acquire, own, invest in and develop properties that are leased primarily to retail tenants under long-term net leases and held primarily for investment. As of March 31, 2014, we owned 1,903 properties with an aggregate gross leasable area of approximately 20.6 million square feet, located in 47 states. Approximately 98% of our properties were leased as of March 31, 2014.

We are a fully integrated real estate investment trust (REIT) for U.S. federal tax purposes, formed in 1984.

Our executive offices are located at 450 South Orange Avenue, Suite 900, Orlando, Florida 32801, and our telephone number is (407) 265-7348.

# **Recent Developments**

#### Common stock issuances

During the quarter ended March 31, 2014, we sold 616,503 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, through our at-the-market offering program and our dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plan, generating approximately \$21.2 million in net proceeds.

#### Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends

The table below sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges and our ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends for the periods indicated. See Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends in this prospectus supplement.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	For the Years Ended December 31,				31,
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	3.10x	2.77x	2.45x	2.11x	1.97x	1.77x
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends	2.17x	2.10x	2.04x	1.95x	1.81x	1.61x

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# The Offering

The following is a brief summary of certain terms of this offering. For a more complete description of the terms of the notes, see Description of Notes in this prospectus supplement and Description of Debt Securities in the accompanying prospectus.

Issuer National Retail Properties, Inc.

Notes Offered \$350,000,000 aggregate principal amount.

Maturity The notes will mature on June 15, 2024, unless previously redeemed in

accordance with their terms prior to such date.

Interest Rate and Payment Dates The notes will bear interest at a rate of 3.90% per year. Interest will be

payable semi-annually on June 15 and December 15, commencing

December 15, 2014.

Ranking of Notes The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally

with all of our other senior unsecured indebtedness from time to time outstanding. However, the notes will be subordinated to our mortgage debt and other secured indebtedness (to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt). The notes will also be effectively

subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries

(to the extent of the value of the assets of those subsidiaries).

Indebtedness As of March 31, 2014, we had approximately \$1.6 billion of outstanding

indebtedness, of which \$9.2 million was secured indebtedness.

Optional Redemption We may redeem the notes prior to March 15, 2024 (which is the date that

is three months prior to their maturity date), at any time in whole or from time to time in part, at the redemption price set forth in the section

entitled Description of Notes Optional Redemption; provided, however,

that if we redeem the notes on or after March 15, 2024 (which is the date that is three months prior to their maturity), the redemption price will equal 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed, plus accrued interest and unpaid interest thereon to, but not including, the

redemption date.

Covenants

We will issue the notes under an indenture with U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee. The indenture will, among other things, restrict our ability, and the ability of our subsidiaries, to:

incur debt without meeting certain financial tests; and

secure debt with our assets and the assets of our subsidiaries

For more details, see Description of Notes Certain Covenants.

Use of Proceeds

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to repay outstanding indebtedness under our credit facility, to fund future property acquisitions and for general corporate purposes. See Use of Proceeds in this prospectus supplement.

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Sinking Fund The notes will not have the benefit of a sinking fund.

Risk Factors You should carefully read the Risk Factors beginning on page S-4 of this

prospectus supplement, as well as the risk factors relating to our business that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, for certain considerations relevant to an

investment in the notes.

Material Federal Income Tax Considerations For a description of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations

of an investment in the notes, please review the disclosure in this prospectus supplement under Additional Material Federal Income Tax Considerations and in the accompanying prospectus under Material

Federal Income Tax Considerations.

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# **RISK FACTORS**

In addition to the other information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the Risk Factors beginning on page 6 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, you should carefully review the following considerations in determining whether to purchase the notes.

# An adverse credit rating of the notes may cause their trading price to fall.

A rating assigned to the notes reflects the applicable rating agency s assessment of the likelihood that the holders of the notes will receive the payments of interest and principal required to be made. A rating reflects only the view of a rating agency and is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the notes. Any rating can be revised upward or downward or withdrawn at any time by a rating agency if it decides the circumstances warrant that change. A rating agency rating the notes may assign a rating that is lower than the ratings assigned to our other debt. If rating agencies assign a lower-than-expected rating or reduce, or indicate that they may reduce, their ratings in the future, the trading price of the notes could significantly decline.

# We may incur additional debt and may not be able to repay our obligations under the notes.

It is our current policy to maintain a ratio of total indebtedness to total assets (before accumulated depreciation) of not more than 60%. However, this policy is subject to reevaluation and modification by our board of directors without the approval of our security holders. If the board of directors modifies this policy to permit a higher degree of leverage and we incur additional indebtedness, debt service requirements would increase accordingly. Such an increase could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations, as well as our ability to pay principal and interest on the notes. In addition, increased leverage could increase the risk that we may default on our other debt obligations.

We are subject to the risks associated with debt financing. These risks include our possible inability to generate cash through our operating activities sufficient to meet our required payments of principal and interest and that rising interest rates may cause the rate on our variable rate indebtedness to rise. In addition, we may not be able to repay or refinance existing indebtedness, which generally will not have been fully amortized at maturity, on favorable terms. In the event that we are unable to refinance our indebtedness on acceptable terms, we may be forced to resort to alternatives that may adversely affect our ability to generate cash to pay our debt service obligations, including payments on the notes, such as disposing of properties on disadvantageous terms (which may also result in losses) and accepting financing on unfavorable terms.

# The effective subordination of the notes may limit our ability to satisfy our obligations under the notes.

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally with all of our other senior unsecured indebtedness. However, the notes will be subordinated to our mortgage debt and other secured indebtedness (to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness). As of March 31, 2014, we had outstanding \$9.2 million of secured indebtedness. The provisions of the indenture governing the notes do not prohibit us from incurring additional secured indebtedness in the future, provided that certain conditions are satisfied. Consequently, in the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or similar proceeding with respect to us, the holders of any secured indebtedness will be entitled to proceed directly against the collateral that secures such secured indebtedness. Therefore, such collateral will not be available for satisfaction of any amounts owed under our unsecured indebtedness, including the notes, until such secured indebtedness is satisfied in full. The notes will also be effectively subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries (to the extent of the value of the assets of those subsidiaries). See Description of Notes Ranking.

There is currently no trading market for the notes, and an active liquid trading market for the notes may not develop or, if it develops, be maintained.

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or on any automated dealer quotation system. Although the underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in the notes, they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue any market- making at any time without notice. Accordingly, an active public trading market may not develop for the notes and, even if one develops, may not be maintained. If an active public trading market for the notes does not develop or is not maintained, the market price and liquidity of the notes is likely to be adversely affected, and holders may not be able to sell their notes at desired times and prices or at all. If any of the notes are traded after their purchase, they may trade at a discount from their purchase price.

The liquidity of the trading market, if any, and future trading prices of the notes will depend on many factors, including, among other things, the market price of our common stock; prevailing interest rates; our financial condition, results of operations, business, prospects and credit quality relative to our competitors; the market for similar securities and the overall securities market, and may be adversely affected by unfavorable changes in any of these factors, some of which are beyond our control.

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# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We estimate that the net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$346.2 million, after deducting the underwriting discount and other estimated expenses of this offering payable by us. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to repay outstanding indebtedness under our credit facility. In addition, we intend to use the remainder of the net proceeds from this offering, if any, to fund future property acquisitions and for general corporate purposes. Pending application of the net proceeds, we will invest the net proceeds in short-term income-producing investments.

Borrowings under our credit facility were \$72.6 million as of May 2, 2014, and currently accrue interest at a rate of 1.235%. The credit facility matures on October 30, 2016, unless we exercise our option to extend the termination date by one year. Affiliates of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., RBC Capital Markets, LLC and SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. are lenders and/or agents under our credit facility and will receive their proportionate share of the amount repaid under the credit facility with the net proceeds from this offering.

# RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS

The following table sets forth our historical ratio of earnings to fixed charges and our ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended March 31,			s Ended D		Í
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	3.10x	2.77x	2.45x	2.11x	1.97x	1.77x
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and	0.17	2.10	2.04	1.05	1 01	1.61
preferred stock dividends	2.17x	2.10x	2.04x	1.95x	1.81x	1.61x

For the purpose of computing these ratios, earnings have been calculated by taking pre-tax income from continuing operations before adjustment for income from equity investees and adding fixed charges, distributed income of equity investees and subtracting capitalized interest. Fixed charges consist of the sum of interest costs, whether expensed or capitalized, and amortized premiums, discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness. Preferred stock dividends are the amount of pre-tax earnings that are required to pay the dividends on outstanding preferred securities.

# **DESCRIPTION OF NOTES**

The following description of the particular terms of the notes offered hereby supplements, and to the extent inconsistent therewith replaces, the description of the general terms and provisions of the debt securities set forth in the accompanying prospectus under Description of Debt Securities, to which reference is hereby made.

#### General

The notes constitute a separate series of debt securities (which are more fully described in the accompanying prospectus) to be issued under an Indenture, dated as of March 25, 1998 (the Original Indenture ), as supplemented by a Thirteenth Supplemental Indenture (the Supplemental Indenture and together with the Original Indenture, the Indenture ), between us and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee (the Trustee ). The Original Indenture has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this prospectus supplement is a part and is available for inspection at our offices or at the SEC s Internet site at http:// www.sec.gov. The Indenture is subject to, and governed by, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. The statements made hereunder relating to the Indenture and the notes to be issued thereunder are summaries of certain provisions thereof, do not purport to be complete and are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, all provisions of the Indenture and the notes. You should carefully read the Indenture and the notes as they, and not this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus, govern your rights as a noteholder.

All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the Indenture.

The notes initially will be limited to an aggregate principal amount of \$350 million. We may re-open this series of notes in the future to issue additional notes having the same terms and conditions, except for any difference in the issue date, issue price and, if applicable, the initial interest payment date, and with the same CUSIP number as the notes offered hereby so long as such additional notes are fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes with the notes offered hereby. The notes offered by this prospectus supplement and any additional notes would rank equally and ratably in right of payment and would be treated as a single series of debt securities for all purposes under the Indenture.

The notes will be issued only in fully registered form in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

#### Ranking

The notes will be our direct, senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness from time to time outstanding. However, the notes will be subordinated to our mortgage debt and other secured indebtedness (to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt) and will be effectively subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries (to the extent of the value of the assets of those subsidiaries). Accordingly, such indebtedness must be satisfied in full before holders of the notes will be able to realize any value from encumbered or indirectly-held properties.

As of March 31, 2014, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to this offering and the application of the proceeds therefrom, we would have had approximately \$1.9 billion of outstanding indebtedness, of which approximately \$9.2 million would have been secured by 6 of our properties with a book value of \$22.9 million. We may incur additional indebtedness, including secured indebtedness, subject to the provisions described below under Certain Covenants Limitations on Incurrence of Indebtedness.

# **Principal and Interest**

The notes will bear interest at 3.90 percent (3.90%) per annum and will mature on June 15, 2024. The notes will bear interest from, and including, May 14, 2014 or from, and including, the immediately preceding Interest Payment Date (as defined below) to which interest has been paid, payable semi-annually in arrears on June 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing December 15, 2014 (each, an Interest Payment Date ), to the persons in whose name the applicable notes are registered in the Security Register on the preceding June 1 or December 1 (whether or not a Business Day, as defined below), as the case may be (each, a Regular Record Date ). Interest on the notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

If any Interest Payment Date or Stated Maturity falls on a day that is not a Business Day, the required payment shall be made on the next Business Day as if it were made on the date such payment was due and no interest shall accrue on the amount so payable for the period from and after such Interest Payment Date or Stated Maturity, as the case may be. Business Day means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banks in the City of New York are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close.

The principal of and interest on the notes will be payable at the corporate trust office of the agent of the Trustee (the Paying Agent ), currently located at 60 Livingston Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55107, *provided* that, at our option, payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as it appears in the Security Register or by wire transfer of funds to such Person at an account maintained within the United States.

# **Optional Redemption**

We may redeem the notes prior to March 15, 2024 (which is the date that is three months prior to their maturity date), at any time in whole or from time to time in part, at a redemption price equal to the sum of (i) the principal amount of the notes being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but not including, the redemption date; and (ii) the Make-Whole Amount, if any, with respect to such notes; provided, however, that if we redeem the notes on or after March 15, 2024 (which is the date that is three months prior to their maturity date), the redemption price will equal 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but not including, the redemption date (the Redemption Price ).

If notice has been given as provided in the Indenture and funds for the redemption of any notes called for redemption shall have been made available on the redemption date referred to in such notice, such notes will cease to bear interest on the date fixed for such redemption specified in such notice and the only right of the Holders of the notes will be to receive payment of the Redemption Price.

Notice of any optional redemption of any notes will be given to Holders at their addresses, as shown in the Security Register, not less than 15 days nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. The notice of redemption will specify, among other items, the Redemption Price and the principal amount of the notes held by such Holder to be redeemed.

If we redeem less than all the notes, we will notify the Trustee at least 45 days prior to the giving of the redemption notice (or such shorter period as is satisfactory to the Trustee) of the aggregate principal amount of notes to be redeemed and their redemption date. The Trustee shall select, in such manner as it shall deem fair and appropriate, notes to be redeemed in whole or in part. Notes may be redeemed in part in the minimum authorized denomination for notes or in any integral multiple thereof.

Make-Whole Amount means, in connection with any optional redemption or accelerated payment of any note, the excess, if any, of (i) the aggregate present value as of the date of such redemption or accelerated payment of each dollar of principal being redeemed or paid and the amount of interest (exclusive of interest

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accrued to the date of redemption or accelerated payment) that would have been payable in respect of such dollar if such redemption or accelerated payment had not been made, determined by discounting, on a semi-annual basis, such principal and interest at the Reinvestment Rate (determined on the third Business Day preceding the date such notice of redemption is given or declaration of acceleration is made) from the respective dates on which such principal and interest would have been payable if such redemption or accelerated payment had not been made, over (ii) the aggregate principal amount of the notes being redeemed or paid.

Reinvestment Rate means 0.20 percent (0.20%) plus the arithmetic mean of the yields under the respective headings. This Week and Last Week published in the Statistical Release under the caption. Treasury Constant Maturities for the maturity (rounded to the nearest month) corresponding to the remaining life to maturity, as of the payment date of the principal being redeemed or paid.

If no maturity exactly corresponds to such maturity, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to such maturity shall be calculated pursuant to the immediately preceding sentence, and the Reinvestment Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from such yields on a straight-line basis, rounding in each of such relevant periods to the nearest month. For such purposes of calculating the Reinvestment Rate, the most recent Statistical Release published prior to the date of determination of the Make-Whole Amount shall be used.

Statistical Release means the statistical release designated H.15(519) or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States government securities adjusted to constant maturities or, if such statistical release is not published at the time of any determination of the Make-Whole Amount, then such other reasonably comparable index as we shall designate.

# **Certain Covenants**

Limitations on Incurrence of Indebtedness. We will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary (as defined below) to, incur any Indebtedness (as defined below) if, immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of such additional Indebtedness and the application of the proceeds thereof, the aggregate principal amount of all of our outstanding Indebtedness and our Subsidiaries outstanding Indebtedness (determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP) is greater than 60% of the sum of (without duplication) (i) our Total Assets (as defined below) and those of our Subsidiaries, as of the end of the calendar quarter covered in our Annual Report on Form 10-K or Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as the case may be, most recently filed with the SEC (or, if such filing is not permitted under the Exchange Act, with the Trustee) prior to the incurrence of such additional Indebtedness and (ii) the purchase price of any real estate assets or mortgages receivable acquired, and the amount of any securities offering proceeds received (to the extent that such proceeds were not used to acquire real estate assets or mortgages receivable or used to reduce Indebtedness), by us or any Subsidiary since the end of such calendar quarter, including those proceeds obtained in connection with the incurrence of such additional Indebtedness.

In addition to the foregoing limitation on the incurrence of Indebtedness, we will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, incur any Indebtedness secured by any Encumbrance (as defined below) upon any of our properties or the properties of any Subsidiary if, immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of such additional Indebtedness and the application of the proceeds thereof, the aggregate principal amount of all of our outstanding Indebtedness and our Subsidiaries—outstanding Indebtedness (determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP) which is secured by any Encumbrance on our properties or any Subsidiary is greater than 40% of the sum of (without duplication) (i) our Total Assets, and those of our Subsidiaries, as of the end of the calendar quarter covered in our Annual Report on Form 10-K or Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as the case may be, most recently filed with the SEC (or, if such filing is not permitted under the Exchange Act, with the Trustee) prior to the incurrence of such additional Indebtedness and (ii) the purchase price of any real estate assets or mortgages receivable acquired, and the amount of

any securities offering proceeds received (to the

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extent that such proceeds were not used to acquire real estate assets or mortgages receivable or used to reduce Indebtedness), by us or any Subsidiary since the end of such calendar quarter, including those proceeds obtained in connection with the incurrence of such additional Indebtedness.

We and our Subsidiaries will not at any time own Total Unencumbered Assets (as defined below) equal to less than 150% of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Unsecured Indebtedness (as defined below) on a consolidated basis.

In addition to the foregoing limitations on the incurrence of Indebtedness, we will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, incur any Indebtedness if the ratio of Consolidated Income Available for Debt Service (as defined below) to the Annual Debt Service Charge (as defined below) for the four consecutive fiscal quarters most recently ended prior to the date on which such additional Indebtedness is to be incurred shall have been less than 1.5:1 on a pro forma basis after giving effect thereto and to the application of the proceeds therefrom, and calculated on the assumption that (i) such Indebtedness and any other Indebtedness incurred by us and our Subsidiaries since the first day of such four-quarter period and the application of the proceeds therefrom, including to refinance other Indebtedness, had occurred at the beginning of such period; (ii) the repayment or retirement of any other Indebtedness by us and our Subsidiaries since the first day of such four-quarter period had been repaid or retired at the beginning of such period (except that, in making such computation, the amount of Indebtedness under any revolving credit facility shall be computed based upon the average daily balance of such Indebtedness during such period); (iii) in the case of Acquired Indebtedness (as defined below) or Indebtedness incurred in connection with any acquisition since the first day of such four-quarter period, the related acquisition had occurred as of the first day of such period with the appropriate adjustments with respect to such acquisition being included in such pro forma calculation; and (iv) in the case of any acquisition or disposition by us or our Subsidiaries of any asset or group of assets since the first day of such four-quarter period, whether by merger, stock purchase or sale, or asset purchase or sale, such acquisition or disposition or any related repayment of Indebtedness had occurred as of the first day of such period with the appropriate adjustments with respect to such acquisition or disposition being included in such pro forma calculation.

**Provision of Financial Information.** Whether or not we are subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, we will, within 15 days after each of the respective dates by which we would have been required to file annual reports, quarterly reports and other documents with the SEC if we were so subject, (1) transmit by mail to all Holders, as their names and addresses appear in the Security Register, without cost to such Holders, copies of the annual reports, quarterly reports and other documents which we would have been required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, if we were subject to such Sections, and (2) file with the Trustee copies of the annual reports, quarterly reports and other documents which we would have been required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, if we were subject to such Sections, and (3) promptly upon written request and payment of the reasonable cost of duplication and delivery, supply copies of such documents to any prospective Holder.

Waiver of Certain Covenants. We may omit to comply with any term, provision or condition of the foregoing covenants, and with any other term, provision or condition with respect to the notes, as the case may be (except any such term, provision or condition which could not be amended without the consent of all Holders of notes), if before or after the time for such compliance the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of all of the outstanding notes, as the case may be, by act of such Holders, either waive such compliance in such instance or generally waive compliance with such covenant or condition. Except to the extent so expressly waived, and until such waiver shall become effective, our obligations and the duties of the Trustee in respect of any such term, provision or condition shall remain in full force and effect.

As used herein, and in the Indenture:

Acquired Indebtedness means Indebtedness of a Person (i) existing at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary or (ii) assumed in connection with the acquisition of assets from such Person, in each case, other than

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Indebtedness incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person becoming a Subsidiary or such acquisition. Acquired Indebtedness shall be deemed to be incurred on the date of the related acquisition of assets from any Person or the date the acquired Person becomes a Subsidiary.

Annual Debt Service Charge for any period means the aggregate interest expense for such period in respect of, and the amortization during such period of any original issue discount of, Indebtedness of us and our Subsidiaries and the amount of dividends which are payable during such period in respect of any Disqualified Stock.

Capital Stock means, with respect to any Person, any capital stock (including preferred stock), shares, interests, participations or other ownership interests (however designated) of such Person and any rights (other than debt securities convertible into or exchangeable for corporate stock), warrants or options to purchase any thereof.

Consolidated Income Available for Debt Service for any period means Earnings from Operations (as defined below) of ours and our Subsidiaries plus amounts which have been deducted, and minus amounts which have been added, for the following (without duplication): (i) interest on Indebtedness of us and our Subsidiaries, (ii) provision for taxes of us and our Subsidiaries based on income, (iii) amortization of debt discount, (iv) provisions for gains and losses on properties and property depreciation and amortization, (v) the effect of any noncash charge resulting from a change in accounting principles in determining Earnings from Operations for such period and (vi) amortization of deferred charges.

Disqualified Stock means, with respect to any Person, any Capital Stock of such Person which by the terms of such Capital Stock (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable or exercisable), upon the happening of any event or otherwise (i) matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise (other than Capital Stock which is redeemable solely in exchange for common stock), (ii) is convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock or (iii) is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part (other than Capital Stock which is redeemable solely in exchange for Capital Stock which is not Disqualified Stock or the redemption price of which may, at the option of such Person, be paid in Capital Stock which is not Disqualified Stock), in each case on or prior to the Stated Maturity of the notes.

Earnings from Operations for any period means net earnings excluding gains and losses on sales of investments, extraordinary items and property valuation losses, net as reflected in the financial statements of us and our Subsidiaries for such period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

Encumbrance means any mortgage, lien, charge, pledge or security interest of any kind.

GAAP means generally accepted accounting principles as used in the United States applied on a consistent basis as in effect from time to time; provided that solely for purposes of any calculation required by the financial covenants contained in the Indenture, GAAP shall mean generally accepted accounting principles as used in the United States on the date of the Indenture, applied on a consistent basis.

Indebtedness of us or our Subsidiaries means any indebtedness of us or our Subsidiaries, whether or not contingent, in respect of (i) borrowed money or evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or similar instruments whether or not such indebtedness is secured by any Encumbrance existing on property owned by us or any Subsidiary of ours, (ii) indebtedness for borrowed money of a Person other than us or our Subsidiaries which is secured by any Encumbrance existing on property owned by us or our Subsidiaries, to the extent of the lesser of (x) the amount of indebtedness so secured and (y) the fair market value (as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors) of the property subject to such Encumbrance, (iii) the reimbursement obligations, contingent or otherwise, in connection

with any letters of credit actually issued or amounts representing the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property or services, except any such balance that constitutes an accrued

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expense or trade payable, or all conditional sale obligations or obligations under any title retention agreement, (iv) the principal amount of all obligations of us or our Subsidiaries with respect to redemption, repayment or other repurchase of any Disqualified Stock or (v) any lease of property by us or any Subsidiary as lessee which is reflected on our consolidated balance sheet as a capitalized lease in accordance with GAAP, and also includes, to the extent not otherwise included, any obligation by us or our Subsidiaries to be liable for, or to pay, as obligor, guarantor or otherwise (other than for purposes of collection in the ordinary course of business), Indebtedness of another Person (other than us or our Subsidiaries) (it being understood that Indebtedness shall be deemed to be incurred by us or our Subsidiaries whenever we or such Subsidiary shall create, assume, guarantee or otherwise become liable in respect thereof).

Subsidiary means, with respect to any Person, any corporation or other entity of which a majority of (i) the voting power of the voting equity securities or (ii) the outstanding equity interests of which are owned, directly or indirectly, by such Person. For the purposes of this definition, voting equity securities means equity securities having voting power for the election of directors, whether at all times or only so long as no senior class of security has such voting power by reason of any contingency.

Total Assets as of any date means the sum of (i) the Undepreciated Real Estate Assets and (ii) all other assets of us and our Subsidiaries determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP (but excluding accounts receivable and intangibles).

Total Unencumbered Assets means the sum of (i) those Undepreciated Real Estate Assets not subject to an Encumbrance for borrowed money and (ii) all other assets of us and our Subsidiaries not subject to an Encumbrance for borrowed money determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP (but excluding accounts receivable and intangibles); provided, however, that, in determining Total Unencumbered Assets as a percentage of outstanding Unsecured Indebtedness for purposes of the covenant requiring us and our subsidiaries to maintain Total Unencumbered Assets equal to at least 150% of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Unsecured Indebtedness on a consolidated basis, all investments in unconsolidated joint ventures, unconsolidated limited partnerships, unconsolidated limited liability companies and other Persons that are not consolidated for financial reporting purposes in accordance with GAAP shall be excluded from Total Unencumbered Assets.

*Undepreciated Real Estate Assets* as of any date means the cost (original cost plus capital improvements) of real estate assets of us and our Subsidiaries on such date, before depreciation and amortization, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

*Unsecured Indebtedness* means Indebtedness which is not secured by any Encumbrance upon any of our properties or those of any Subsidiary.

See Description of Debt Securities Certain Covenants in the accompanying prospectus for a description of additional covenants applicable to us.

# **Events of Default**

The Indenture provides that the following events are Events of Default with respect to the notes:

default in the payment of any interest on any notes when such interest becomes due and payable that continues for a period of 30 days;

default in the payment of the principal of (or Make-Whole Amount, if any, on) any notes when due and payable;

our default in the performance, or breach, of any other covenant or warranty in the Indenture with respect to the notes and continuance of such default or breach for a period of 60 days after written notice as provided in the Indenture;

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default under any bond, debenture, note, mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any Indebtedness for money borrowed by us (or by any Subsidiary, the repayment of which we have guaranteed or for which we are directly responsible or liable as obligor or guarantor), having an aggregate principal amount outstanding of at least \$25,000,000, whether such Indebtedness now exists or shall hereafter be created, which default shall have resulted in such Indebtedness becoming or being declared due and payable prior to the date on which it would otherwise have become due and payable, without such Indebtedness having been discharged, or such acceleration having been rescinded or annulled, within a period of 10 days after written notice to us as provided in the Indenture; provided, however, that for so long as any of the securities issued pursuant to any supplemental indenture to the Original Indenture that preceded the Twelfth Supplemental Indenture are outstanding, the reference to \$25,000,000 in this paragraph is replaced by \$10,000,000;

the entry by a court of competent jurisdiction of one or more judgments, orders or decrees against us or any Subsidiary in an aggregate amount (excluding amounts covered by insurance) in excess of \$10,000,000 and such judgments, orders or decrees remain undischarged, unstayed and unsatisfied in an aggregate amount (excluding amounts covered by insurance) in excess of \$10,000,000 for a period of 30 consecutive days; provided, however, that upon cancellation by the Trustee of all securities issued pursuant to each of the supplemental indentures to the Original Indenture that precede the Twelfth Supplemental Indenture, this provision shall cease to exist and will no longer be deemed to constitute an Event of Default; and

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, or court appointment of a receiver, liquidator or trustee of us or any Significant Subsidiary. The Term Significant Subsidiary has the meaning ascribed to such term in Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Act.

If an Event of Default specified in the last bullet point above, relating to us or any Significant Subsidiary occurs, the principal amount of and the Make-Whole Amount on all outstanding notes shall become due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or of the Holders.

# Discharge, Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

The provisions of Article XIV of the Indenture relating to defeasance and covenant defeasance, which are described under Description of Debt Securities Discharge, Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance in the accompanying prospectus, will apply to the notes. Each of the covenants described under Certain Covenants in this prospectus supplement and Description of Debt Securities Certain Covenants in the accompanying prospectus will be subject to covenant defeasance.

#### The Trustee

U.S. Bank National Association is the trustee under the Indenture and is a lender under our credit facility. Certain of its affiliates have engaged and in the future may engage in joint investments, investment banking transactions and in general financing and commercial banking transactions with, and the provision of services to, us and our affiliates in the ordinary course of business. U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., one of the underwriters, is an affiliate of the Trustee.

#### **Book-Entry System**

The notes will be issued in the form of one or more fully registered global notes ( Global Securities ) which will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company ( DTC ), and registered in the name of DTC s nominee,

Cede & Co. Except under the circumstances described below, the notes will not be issuable in definitive form. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for the individual notes represented thereby, a Global Security may not be transferred except as a whole by DTC to a nominee of DTC or by a nominee of DTC to DTC or another nominee of DTC or by DTC or any nominee of DTC to a successor depository or any nominee of such successor.

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DTC has advised us of the following information regarding DTC: DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds securities that its participants ( Participants ) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among its Participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in its Participants accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants of DTC ( Direct Participants ) include securities brokers and dealers (including the underwriters), banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation or DTCC. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC System is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant of DTC, either directly or indirectly ( Indirect Participants ). The rules applicable to DTC and its Participants are on file with the SEC.

Purchases of Global Securities under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the securities on DTC s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Global Security (Beneficial Owner ) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but Beneficial Owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Global Securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Global Securities, except in the event that use of the book- entry system for the Global Securities is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Global Securities deposited by Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC s partnership nominee, Cede & Co. The deposit of Global Securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. effect no change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Global Securities; DTC s records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Global Securities are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. will consent or vote with respect to the Global Securities. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to us as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co. s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Global Securities are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy). Principal and interest payments on the Global Securities will be made to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. DTC s practice is to credit Direct Participants accounts, upon DTC s receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from us or the Trustee, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC s records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name, and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Trustee or us, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co. is our responsibility or the responsibility of the Trustee, disbursement

of such payments to Direct Participants shall be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners shall be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

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DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the Global Securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to us or the Trustee. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, definitive certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

We may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, definitive certificates will be printed and delivered. Notes so issued in definitive form will be issued as registered notes in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Clearstream. Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ( Clearstream ), is incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg as a professional depositary. Clearstream holds securities for its participating organizations ( Clearstream Participants ) and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Clearstream Participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of Clearstream Participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream provides Clearstream Participants with, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and establishment of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. As a professional depositary, Clearstream is subject to regulation by the Luxembourg Monetary Institute. Clearstream Participants are recognized financial institutions around the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations, and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Clearstream is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream Participant either directly or indirectly.

Distributions with respect to notes held beneficially through Clearstream will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream Participants in accordance with its rules and procedures to the extent received by DTC for Clearstream.

Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (Euroclear ) was created in 1968 to hold securities for participants of Euroclear (Euroclear Participants ) and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear Participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Euroclear includes various other services, including securities lending and borrowing and interfaces with domestic markets in several markets in several countries. Euroclear is operated by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (the Euroclear Operator ), under contract with Euro-clear Clearance Systems S.C., a Belgian cooperative corporation (the Cooperative ). All operations are conducted by the Euroclear Operator, and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator, not the Cooperative. The Cooperative establishes policy for Euroclear on behalf of Euroclear Participants. Euroclear Participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to other firms that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear Participant, either directly or indirectly.

The Euroclear Operator is regulated and examined by the Belgian Banking Commission.

Links have been established among DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear to facilitate the initial issuance of the notes sold outside of the United States and cross-market transfers of the notes associated with secondary market trading.

Although DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear have agreed to the procedures provided below in order to facilitate transfers, they are under no obligation to perform these procedures, and these procedures may be modified or discontinued at any time.

The information in this section concerning DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear and DTC s book-entry system has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy of this information.

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# Same-Day Settlement and Payment

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the notes will be made by us in immediately available funds.

The notes will trade in DTC s Same-Day Funds Settlement System until maturity or until the notes are issued in certificated form, and secondary market trading activity in the notes will therefore be required by DTC to settle in immediately available funds. No assurance can be given as to the effect, if any, of settlement in immediately available funds on trading activity in the notes.

# **Governing Law**

The Indenture will be governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

# **No Personal Liability**

No past, present or future stockholder, employee, officer or director of ours or any successor thereof shall have any liability for any obligation, covenant or agreement of ours contained under the notes or the Indenture. Each Holder of notes by accepting such notes waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issue of the notes.

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#### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

For a discussion of the taxation of us, see Material Federal Income Tax Considerations beginning on page 30 of the accompanying prospectus. The following is a general discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the notes. This discussion applies only to initial beneficial owners of the notes who purchase notes at their issue price (as defined below) and who hold the notes as capital assets (generally property held for investment) within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code ). This discussion is based on the Code, income tax regulations promulgated thereunder, judicial decisions, published positions of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and other applicable authorities, all as in effect as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. This discussion is general in nature and is not exhaustive of all possible tax considerations, nor does the discussion address any state, local or foreign tax considerations or any U.S. tax considerations (e.g., estate, generation-skipping or gift tax) other than U.S. federal income tax considerations, that may be applicable to particular holders. This discussion does not address all the tax consequences that may be relevant to a particular holder or to holders subject to special treatment under the Code, such as financial institutions, brokers, dealers in securities and commodities, insurance companies, certain former U.S. citizens or long-term residents, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, tax-exempt organizations, controlled foreign corporations, passive foreign investment companies, persons subject to the alternative minimum tax, U.S. persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, persons that are, or that hold their notes through, partnerships or other pass-through entities, or persons that hold notes as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion, synthetic security or constructive sale transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Except as specifically provided below with respect to Non-U.S. Holders (as defined below), the discussion is limited to beneficial owners of notes that are U.S. Holders.

PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, FOREIGN AND OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE ACQUISITION, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF THE NOTES.

For purposes of this discussion, a U.S. Holder means a beneficial owner of a note that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is

a citizen or individual resident of the United States;

a corporation (including an entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

an estate the income of which is includible in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes regardless of its source; or

a trust if (a) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (b) it has a valid election in place to be treated as a United States person.

If an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes is a holder of a note, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the

partnership. Partnerships that hold notes (and partners in such partnerships) should consult their tax advisors as to the particular U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to them.

A Non-U.S. Holder means any beneficial owner of a note that is not a U.S. Holder or an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

#### U.S. Holders

*Stated Interest on the Notes.* A U.S. Holder generally will be required to include stated interest earned on the notes as ordinary income when received or accrued in accordance with the U.S. Holder s regular method of

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tax accounting to the extent such interest is qualified stated interest. Stated interest is qualified stated interest if it is unconditionally payable in cash at least annually. The stated interest on the notes is qualified stated interest.

OID and Issue Price of the Notes. A debt instrument generally has original issue discount, or OID, if its stated redemption price at maturity exceeds its issue price by an amount that is equal to or greater than a statutory de minimis amount. A debt instrument s stated redemption price at maturity includes all principal and interest payable over the term of the debt instrument, other than qualified stated interest. The issue price of the notes will be the first price at which a substantial amount of the notes are sold to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents, or wholesalers).

If the notes are treated as issued with OID under the rules described above, a U.S. Holder generally will be required to include such OID in income over the term of the notes in accordance with a constant-yield-to-maturity method, regardless of whether the U.S. Holder is a cash or accrual method taxpayer, and regardless of whether and when the U.S. Holder receives cash payments of interest on the notes (other than cash attributable to qualified stated interest). Accordingly, a U.S. Holder could be treated as receiving interest income in advance of a corresponding receipt of cash. Any OID that a U.S. Holder includes in income will increase the U.S. Holder s tax basis in its notes. A U.S. Holder generally will not be required to include separately in income cash payments received on the notes to the extent that such payments constitute payments of previously accrued OID or payments of principal, and such payments will reduce the U.S. Holder s tax basis in its notes by the amount of such payments.

The remainder of this discussion assumes that the issue price of the notes will not be less than the stated principal amount of the notes by an amount that is equal to or greater than the statutory *de minimis* amount. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the determination of the issue price of the notes and the possible application of the OID rules.

Sale, Exchange, Redemption, or Other Taxable Disposition of the Notes. Unless a non-recognition provision applies, upon the sale, exchange, redemption or other taxable disposition of a note, a U.S. Holder will generally recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference (if any) between the amount realized (other than amounts attributable to accrued but unpaid stated interest, which will be taxable as ordinary income to the extent not previously included in income) and such U.S. Holder s adjusted tax basis in the note. The U.S. Holder s adjusted tax basis in a note generally will be the purchase price for the note, reduced by the amount of any payments previously received by the U.S. Holder (other than qualified stated interest). Such gain or loss will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the note was held for more than one year at the time of disposition. Long-term capital gain recognized by certain non-corporate U.S. Holders generally will be subject to a preferential tax rate. Subject to limited exceptions, capital losses cannot be used to offset a U.S. Holder s ordinary income.

*Unearned Income Medicare Contribution*. Certain U.S. Holders that are individuals, estates or trusts are subject to a 3.8% Medicare tax on all or a portion of their net investment income, which may include all or a portion of their interest and net gains from the sale or other disposition of the notes. If you are a U.S. Holder that is an individual, estate or trust, you should consult your tax advisors regarding the applicability of the Medicare tax to your income and gains in respect of your investment in the notes.

*Information Reporting and Backup Withholding*. In general, information reporting will apply to a U.S. Holder (other than an exempt recipient, including a corporation and certain other persons who, when required, demonstrate their exempt status) with respect to:

# Edgar Filing: NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC. - Form 424B5 any payments made of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, the notes; and payment of the proceeds of a sale or other disposition of the notes.

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In addition, backup withholding at the applicable statutory rate may apply to such amounts if a U.S. Holder fails to provide a correct taxpayer identification number certified under penalties of perjury or otherwise comply with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. A U.S. Holder that does not provide its correct taxpayer identification number also may be subject to penalties imposed by the IRS.

Any backup withholding is not an additional tax and may be refunded or credited against the U.S. Holder s U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is timely provided to the IRS.

#### Non-U.S. Holders

The rules governing the U.S. federal income taxation of Non-U.S. Holders are complex and no attempt will be made herein to provide more than a summary of such rules. Prospective Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors to determine the impact of federal, state, local and other tax laws with regard to an investment in the notes.

Interest on the Notes. Subject to the rules described below under Information Reporting and Backup Withholding and FATCA Regime, a Non-U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax on payments of interest on a note, provided that:

the Non-U.S. Holder is not

a direct or indirect owner of 10% or more of our voting stock;

a controlled foreign corporation related to us through stock ownership; or

a bank whose receipt of interest on a note is pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of business;

such interest payments are not effectively connected with the conduct by the Non-U.S. Holder of a trade or business within the United States; and

we or our paying agent receives certain information from the Non-U.S. Holder (or a financial institution that holds the notes on behalf of the Non-U.S. Holder in the ordinary course of its trade or business) certifying that such holder is a Non-U.S. Holder.

A Non-U.S. Holder that is not exempt from tax under these rules generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax withholding at a rate of 30% unless:

the income is effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business (and, if required by an applicable tax treaty, the income is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained in the United States by such Non-U.S. Holder); or

an applicable income tax treaty provides for a lower rate of, or exemption from, withholding tax. Except to the extent provided by an applicable tax treaty, interest on a note that is effectively connected with the conduct by a Non-U.S. Holder of a trade or business in the United States (and, if required by an applicable tax treaty, the interest is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained in the United States by such Non-U.S. Holder) generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis at the rates applicable to U.S. persons. A Non-U.S. Holder that is treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes may also be subject to a branch profits tax, which is generally imposed on a foreign corporation on the deemed repatriation from the United States of effectively connected earnings and profits, at a 30% rate (subject to reduction or elimination under an applicable tax treaty). If interest is subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis in accordance with the rules described in the second preceding sentence, payments of such interest will not be subject to U.S. withholding tax so long as the Non-U.S. Holder provides us or the paying agent with an appropriate IRS Form (generally, IRS Form W-8ECI). To claim the benefit of a reduced rate of, or exemption from, the 30% withholding tax under an income tax treaty, the Non-U.S. Holder must timely provide the appropriate, properly executed IRS form (generally, IRS Form W-8BEN). These forms may be required to be periodically updated.

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Sale, Exchange, Redemption, or Other Taxable Disposition of the Notes. Subject to the rules described below under Information Reporting and Backup Withholding and FATCA Regime, a Non-U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax on gain from the sale, exchange, redemption or other taxable disposition of a note unless:

such gain is effectively connected with the conduct by the Non-U.S. Holder of a trade or business within the United States (and, if required by an applicable tax treaty, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained in the United States by the Non-U.S. Holder); or

such Non-U.S. Holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of disposition and meets certain other requirements.

Except to the extent provided by an applicable tax treaty, gain from the sale or disposition of a note that is effectively connected with the conduct by the Non-U.S. Holder of a trade or business in the United States (and, if required by an applicable tax treaty, the gain is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained in the United States by such Non-U.S. Holder) generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis at the rates applicable to U.S. persons. A Non-U.S. Holder that is treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes may also be subject to a branch profits tax, which is generally imposed on a foreign corporation on the deemed repatriation from the United States of effectively connected earnings and profits, at a 30% rate (subject to reduction or elimination under an applicable tax treaty). If such gains are realized by a Non-U.S. Holder who is an individual present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year, then, except to the extent otherwise provided by an applicable income tax treaty, such individual generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% on the amount by which capital gains from U.S. sources (including gains from the sale or other disposition of the notes) exceed capital losses allocable to U.S. sources. Any amount attributable to accrued but unpaid interest on the notes will generally be treated in the same manner as payments of interest made to such Non-U.S. Holder, as described above under — Interest on the Notes. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors on the treatment of any accrued but unpaid interest on the notes.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding. Payments to a Non-U.S. Holder of interest on a note generally will be reported to the IRS and to the Non-U.S. Holder. Copies of applicable IRS information returns may be made available, under the provisions of a specific tax treaty or agreement, to the tax authorities of the country in which the Non-U.S. Holder resides. Additional information reporting and backup withholding generally will not apply to payments of interest with respect to which either the requisite certification that the Non-U.S. Holder is not a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as described under the heading — Interest on the Notes—above, has been received or an exemption has otherwise been established provided that neither we nor our paying agent have actual knowledge or reason to know that the Non-U.S. Holder is a U.S. person that is not an exempt recipient or that the conditions of any other exemption are not, in fact, satisfied.

As a general matter, backup withholding and information reporting will not apply to a payment of the proceeds of a sale of a note effected at a foreign office of a foreign broker. Information reporting (but not backup withholding) will apply, however, to a payment of the proceeds of a sale of a note by a foreign office of a broker that:

is a U.S. person;

derives 50% or more of its gross income for a specified three-year period from the conduct of a trade or business in the U.S.;

is a controlled foreign corporation (a foreign corporation controlled by certain U.S. shareholders) for U.S. tax purposes; or

is a foreign partnership, if at any time during its tax year more than 50% of its income or capital interest are held by U.S. persons or if it is engaged in the conduct of a trade or business in the U.S., unless the broker has documentary evidence in its records that the holder or beneficial owner is a Non-U.S. Holder and certain other conditions are met, or the holder otherwise establishes an exemption. Payment of the

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proceeds of a sale of a note effected at a U.S. office of a broker is subject to both backup withholding and information reporting unless the holder certifies under penalty of perjury that the holder is a Non-U.S. Holder, or otherwise establishes an exemption; provided that, in either case, neither we nor any withholding agent knows or has reason to know that the holder is a United States person or that the conditions of any other exemptions are in fact not satisfied. Any backup withholding is not an additional tax and may be refunded or credited against the Non-U.S. Holder s U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is timely provided to the IRS.

FATCA Regime. The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act provisions of the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act (generally referred to as FATCA ), when applicable, will impose a U.S. federal withholding tax of 30% on certain payments to foreign financial institutions and non-financial foreign entities that fail to comply with certain certification and information reporting requirements (unless alternative procedures apply pursuant to an applicable intergovernmental agreement between the United States and the relevant foreign government). In certain cases, the relevant foreign financial institution or non-financial foreign entity may qualify for an exemption from, or be deemed to be in compliance with, these rules. Subject to a grandfathering rule, the obligation to withhold under FATCA will apply to payments of U.S.-source interest and OID on obligations made on or after July 1, 2014 and payments of gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of such obligations made on or after January 1, 2017 (or such other dates as are specified in guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury Department). However, under the grandfathering rule, FATCA withholding will not apply to obligations outstanding on, and not the subject of a significant modification on or after, July 1, 2014 (or such other date as is specified in guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury Department). Because the notes will be issued prior to, and will be outstanding on, July 1, 2014, FATCA withholding tax is not expected to apply to payments on the notes unless they are modified on or after such date, in which case payments on, and the gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, the notes to certain foreign entities could become subject to the FATCA withholding tax. We will not pay any additional amounts in respect of any amounts withheld under FATCA.

Prospective investors are encouraged to consult their tax advisors regarding the possible implications of this legislation on their investment in the notes.

#### Tax Rates for U.S. Individuals, Estates and Trusts

In the prospectus under the heading Material Federal Income Tax Considerations, there are various references to the 15% maximum tax rates applicable to long-term capital gains and qualified dividend income of U.S. individuals, estates and trusts through the end of 2012, when such reduced rates were scheduled to expire. In addition, ordinary income of U.S. individuals, estates and trusts was subject to a reduced maximum 35% tax rate that was also scheduled to expire at the end of 2012. On January 2, 2013, President Obama signed into law the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, or the 2012 Relief Act, which, among other things, permanently extended most of the reduced rates for U.S. individuals, estates and trusts with respect to ordinary income, qualified dividend income and long-term capital gains that were set to expire on December 31, 2012. The 2012 Relief Act, however, did not extend all of the reduced rates for high-income taxpayers. Beginning January 1, 2013, in the case of married couples filing joint returns with taxable income in excess of \$450,000, heads of households with taxable income in excess of \$425,000 and other individuals with taxable income in excess of \$400,000, the maximum tax rate on ordinary income is 39.6% (as compared to 35% prior to 2013) and the maximum tax rate on long-term capital gains and qualified dividend income is 20% (as compared to 15% prior to 2013). Estates and trusts have more compressed rate schedules. Prospective investors are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the effect of the tax rates and other tax provisions in the 2012 Relief Act on an investment in the notes.

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#### **UNDERWRITING**

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. are acting as joint book-running managers of this offering and as representatives of the underwriters named below.

Subject to the terms and conditions stated in the underwriting agreement, dated the date of this prospectus supplement, we have agreed to sell to each of the underwriters named below and each underwriter has severally, and not jointly, agreed to purchase from us, the principal amount of the notes set forth opposite the underwriter s name.

	Princ	Principal Amount of	
Underwriter		Notes	
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	\$	79,625,000	
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith			
Incorporated		72,625,000	
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.		35,000,000	
Jefferies LLC		28,875,000	
RBC Capital Markets, LLC		28,875,000	
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.		28,875,000	
BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC		19,250,000	
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.		19,250,000	
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC		19,250,000	
Capital One Securities, Inc.		9,188,000	
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.		9,187,000	
Total	\$	350,000,000	

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the notes included in this offering are subject to approval of legal matters by counsel and other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to purchase all of the notes if they purchase any of the notes.

The underwriters have advised us that they initially propose to offer the notes to the public at the public offering price appearing on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and to certain dealers at the public offering price less a concession not to exceed 0.40% of the principal amount of the notes. The underwriters may allow, and dealers may reallow, a discount not to exceed 0.25% of the principal amount of the notes on sales to other dealers. After the initial public offering, the public offering price and other selling terms may be changed.

The following table shows the underwriting discount that we are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount of the notes).

	Paid by National Retail Properties, Inc.		
Per note	0.650%		
Total	\$ 2,275,000		

In connection with the offering, the representatives may purchase and sell notes in the open market. These transactions may include over-allotment, syndicate covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Over-allotment involves syndicate sales of notes in excess of the principal amount of notes to be purchased by the underwriters in the offering, which creates a syndicate short position. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the notes in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases of notes made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the notes while the offering is in progress.

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The underwriters also may impose penalty bids. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the representatives, in covering syndicate short positions or making stabilizing purchases, repurchase notes originally sold by that syndicate member.

Any of these activities may have the effect of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the notes. They may also cause the price of the notes to be higher than the price that otherwise would exist in the open market in the absence of these transactions. We and the underwriters make no representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of any of the notes. If the underwriters commence any of these transactions, they may discontinue them at any time without notice.

We estimate that the total expenses (excluding the underwriting discount) for this offering payable by us will be approximately \$850,000.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make because of any of those liabilities.

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or on any automated dealer quotation system. The underwriters may make a market in the notes after completion of the offering, but will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the notes or that an active public market for the notes will develop. If an active public market for the notes does not develop, the market price and liquidity of the notes may be adversely affected.

The underwriters are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. The underwriters and their respective affiliates have in the past performed commercial banking, investment banking and advisory services for us from time to time for which they have received customary fees and reimbursement of expenses and may, from time to time, engage in transactions with and perform services for us in the ordinary course of their business for which they may receive customary fees and reimbursement of expenses. In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (which may include bank loans and/or credit default swaps) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investment and securities activities may involve our securities and instruments. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments. Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with us routinely hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the notes offered hereby. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the notes offered hereby.

As described in Use of Proceeds, we intend to use a portion of the net proceeds of this offering to reduce borrowings under our \$500.0 million unsecured revolving credit facility. Affiliates of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., RBC Capital Markets, LLC and SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. are lenders and/or agents under our credit facility and will receive their proportionate share of the amount repaid under the credit facility with the net proceeds of this offering. Upon such application, more than 5% of the net proceeds of this offering (not including underwriting discounts) may be received by an underwriter or its

affiliates. Nonetheless, in accordance with FINRA Rule

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5121, the appointment of a qualified independent underwriter is not necessary in connection with this offering because we, as the issuer of the securities in this offering, are a real estate investment trust. In addition, U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. is an affiliate of the Trustee.

We expect that delivery of the notes will be made to investors on or about the 7th business day following the date of this prospectus supplement (such settlement being referred to as T+7). Under Rule 15c6-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, trades in the secondary market are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade notes on the date of pricing or the next three succeeding business days will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes initially settle in T+7, to specify an alternate settlement arrangement at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers of the notes who wish to trade the notes prior to their date of delivery hereunder should consult their advisors.

#### **Selling Restrictions**

#### Notice To Prospective Investors In The European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State ) an offer to the public of any notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement (the Notes ) may not be made in that Relevant Member State except that an offer to the public in that Relevant Member State of any Notes may be made at any time under the following exemptions under the Prospectus Directive, if they have been implemented in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provisions of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representatives of the underwriters; or
- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer of Notes shall result in a requirement for the publication by us or any underwriter of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer to the public in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and any Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase any Notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State; the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State) and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State; and the expression 2010 PD Amending Directive means Directive 2010/73/EU.

#### Notice To Prospective Investors In The United Kingdom

The Notes may be offered in the United Kingdom only where each underwriter:

- (a) has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act (the FSMA )) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us; and
- (b) has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

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This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and any other material in relation to the Notes is only being distributed to, and is only directed at, persons in the United Kingdom that are qualified investors within the meaning of Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospective Directive ( qualified investors ) (i) that also have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended, or the Order, (ii) who fall within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order or (iii) to whom it may otherwise lawfully be communicated (all such persons together being referred to as relevant persons ). The Notes are only available to, and any invitation, offer or agreement to purchase or otherwise acquire such Notes will be engaged in only with, relevant persons. Any person in the United Kingdom that is not a relevant person should not act or rely on this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or any of its contents.

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

Certain legal matters will be passed upon for us by Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, Washington, D.C., as our securities and tax counsel. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriters by Hunton & Williams LLP.

#### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of National Retail Properties, Inc. appearing in National Retail Properties, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (including schedules appearing therein), and the effectiveness of National Retail Properties, Inc. s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, incorporated by reference therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filing number is 001-11290. You may read and copy any document that we have filed at the SEC s Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. Our filings are available to the public at the SEC s Internet site at http://www.sec.gov and at our Internet site at http://www.nnnreit.com. The contents of our website are not and shall not be deemed a part of, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol NNN. You may inspect our reports, proxy statements and other information at the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement (of which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is a part) on Form S-3 under the Securities Act with respect to our securities. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement, including the exhibits and schedules thereto, certain parts of which are omitted as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC.

We are incorporating by reference the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information we incorporate by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, except for any information superseded by information in this prospectus supplement. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below, which we have filed with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c) and 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, filed with the SEC on February 19, 2014.

Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014, filed with the SEC on May 1, 2014.

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on February 14, 2014 and May 5, 2014.

The information specifically incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 from our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on March 26, 2014.

All documents that we file with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus supplement but before we terminate the offering of the notes shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and will be part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus from the date we file that document. Any information in that document that is meant to supersede or modify any existing statement in this prospectus supplement will so supersede or modify the statement as appropriate.

You may request a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, except the exhibits to such documents (unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference in such documents), at no cost, by writing or telephoning our offices at the following address:

National Retail Properties, Inc.

450 South Orange Avenue, Suite 900

Orlando, Florida 32801

Attention: Kevin B. Habicht

(telephone number (407) 265-7348)

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**Prospectus** 

## **National Retail Properties, Inc.**

# Debt Securities, Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares, Common Stock and Warrants

We, National Retail Properties, Inc., may from time to time offer, in one or more series, separately or together, the following:
our debt securities, which may be either senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities;
shares of our preferred stock;
shares of our preferred stock represented by depositary shares;
shares of our common stock; and/or
warrants to purchase shares of our common or preferred stock.
Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol NNN.

We will offer our securities in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined at the time we offer such securities.

When we sell a particular series of securities, we will prepare a prospectus supplement describing the offering and the terms of that series of securities. Such terms may include limitations on direct or beneficial ownership and restrictions on transfer of our securities being offered that we believe are appropriate to preserve our status as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, for federal income tax purposes.

The applicable prospectus supplement will also contain information, where applicable, about certain United States federal income tax considerations relating to the securities covered by such prospectus supplement.

We may offer our securities directly, through agents we may designate from time to time, or to or through underwriters or dealers. If any agents or underwriters are involved in the sale of any of our securities, their names and any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between or among them will be set forth, or will be calculable from the information set forth, in the applicable prospectus supplement. None of our securities may be sold without delivery of the applicable prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of such class or series of the securities.

Investing in our securities involves risks. See <u>Risk Factors</u> on page 4 of this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is February 24, 2012.

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You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or contained in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with any different information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus or those documents.

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filled with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the	SEC ) using a	snen
registration process. Under this shelf process, we may sell:		

preferred stock,

preferred stock represented by depositary shares,

common stock, and

warrants to purchase shares of common or preferred stock

either separately or in units, in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of those securities. We will offer our securities in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined at the time we offer such securities. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement and any applicable free writing prospectus together with the additional information described under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

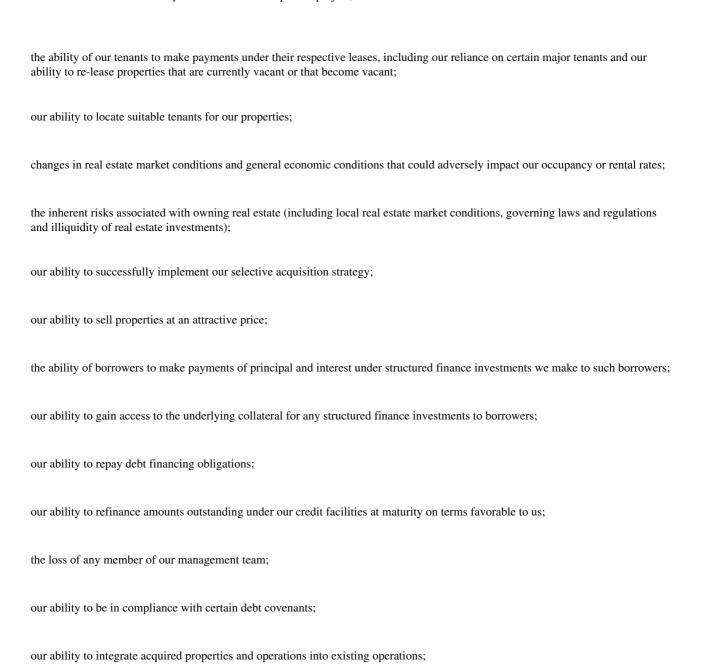
The registration statement that contains this prospectus (including the exhibits to the registration statement) contains additional information about National Retail Properties, Inc. and the securities offered under this prospectus. That registration statement can be read at the SEC s Internet site or at the SEC offices mentioned under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

In this prospectus, the words we, our, ours and us refer to National Retail Properties, Inc. and its subsidiaries and joint ventures, unless the context indicates otherwise. The term you refers to a prospective investor.

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#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents that are incorporated by reference, that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ). Also, when we use any of the words anticipate, assume, believe, estimate, expect, intend, or similar expressions, we are making forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are not guaranteed and are based on our present intentions and on our present expectations and assumptions. These statements, intentions, expectations and assumptions involve risks and uncertainties, some of which are beyond our control, that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those we anticipate or project, such as:



continued availability of debt or equity capital, as needed, to meet our liquidity needs;

the availability of other debt and equity financing alternatives;

volatility and general market conditions affecting our sources and costs of capital;

changes in interest rates under our credit facility and under any additional variable rate debt arrangements that we may enter into in the future;

our ability to maintain internal controls and processes to ensure all transactions are accounted for properly, all relevant disclosures and filings are timely made in accordance with all rules and regulations, and any potential fraud or embezzlement is thwarted or detected;

changes in accounting rules or the application or interpretation of such rules;

changes in laws, the impact of future laws and regulations, and litigation risks;

changes in federal or state tax rules or regulations that could have adverse tax consequences; and

our ability to qualify as a real estate investment trust for federal income tax purposes.

You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, as events described or implied in such statements may not occur. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by the more detail information and consolidated financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus.

#### National Retail Properties, Inc.

We acquire, own, invest in and develop properties that are leased primarily to retail tenants under long-term net leases and held primarily for investment. As of December 31, 2011, we owned 1,422 properties, including 11 properties with retail operations that we operate, with an aggregate gross leasable area of approximately 16.4 million square feet, located in 47 states. Approximately 97.4% of our properties was leased or operated as of December 31, 2011.

We are a fully integrated real estate investment trust ( REIT ) for U.S. federal income tax purposes, formed in 1984.

Our executive offices are located at 450 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 900, Orlando, Florida 32801, and our telephone number is (407) 265-7348.

#### Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends

The table below sets forth our ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends for the periods indicated. See Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends in this prospectus.

		Year Ended December 31,			
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges	2.11	1.97	1.77	2.19	2.05
Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends	1.95	1.81	1.61	2.01	1.85

For the purpose of computing these ratios, earnings have been calculated by taking pre-tax income from continuing operations before adjustment for income from equity investees and adding fixed charges, distributed income of equity investees and subtracting capitalized interest. Fixed charges consist of the sum of interest costs, whether expensed or capitalized, and amortized premiums, discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness. Preferred stock dividends are the amount of pre-tax earnings that are required to pay the dividends on outstanding preferred securities.

#### RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Please see the risk factors described under the heading Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, on file with the SEC, which is incorporated herein by reference, and in any subsequent Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider these risks as well as information we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus and in any accompanying prospectus supplement. The risks and uncertainties we have described are those we believe to be the principal risks that could affect us, our business or our industry, and which could result in a material adverse impact on our financial condition or results of operation or could cause the market price of our securities to fluctuate or decline. However, additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may affect our business operations and the market price of our securities.

#### USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will use the net proceeds from the sale of securities for one or more of the following:

repayment of debt;