

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**  
**FORM 10-Q**  
**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)**  
**OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2008**  
**Commission file number 1-12672**  
**AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.**  
*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

Maryland  
*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)*

77-0404318  
*(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)*

2900 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 300  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
*(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)*  
(703) 329-6300  
*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*  
*(Former name, if changed since last report)*

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

Yes  No

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

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

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

Yes  No

**APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS**

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date:

76,975,524 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, were outstanding as of April 30, 2008

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AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	3-31-08 (unaudited)	12-31-07
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Real estate:		
Land	\$ 1,014,121	\$ 1,002,944
Buildings and improvements	5,183,407	5,017,057
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	161,804	156,789
	6,359,332	6,176,790
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,267,010)	(1,219,410)
Net operating real estate	5,092,322	4,957,380
Construction in progress, including land	962,038	952,670
Land held for development	305,669	288,423
Operating real estate assets held for sale, net	97,642	98,709
Total real estate, net	6,457,671	6,297,182
Cash and cash equivalents	270,320	21,166
Cash in escrow	128,190	189,171
Resident security deposits	30,662	29,542
Investments in unconsolidated real estate entities	60,474	57,990
Deferred financing costs, net	28,209	27,682
Deferred development costs	62,529	60,996
Prepaid expenses and other assets	82,048	52,755
Total assets	\$ 7,120,103	\$ 6,736,484
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Unsecured notes, net	\$ 1,843,605	\$ 1,893,499
Variable rate unsecured credit facility	798,500	514,500
Mortgage notes payable	1,036,461	773,803
Dividends payable	70,891	67,909
Payables for construction	88,414	91,580
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	190,132	234,873
Accrued interest payable	27,217	38,536
Resident security deposits	43,037	41,638
Liabilities related to real estate assets held for sale	30,503	30,340
Total liabilities	4,128,760	3,686,678
Minority interest of unitholders in consolidated partnerships	19,652	23,152

## Commitments and contingencies

## Stockholders' equity:

Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; \$25 liquidation preference; 50,000,000 shares authorized at both March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007; 4,000,000 shares issued and outstanding at both March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007	40	40
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 140,000,000 shares authorized at both March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007; 76,971,919 and 77,318,611 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively	770	773
Additional paid-in capital	3,015,160	3,026,708
Accumulated earnings less dividends	(40,677)	2,499
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3,602)	(3,366)
Total stockholders' equity	2,971,691	3,026,654
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 7,120,103	\$ 6,736,484

See accompanying notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(Unaudited)  
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	For the three months ended	
	3-31-08	3-31-07
Revenue:		
Rental and other income	\$ 210,200	\$ 187,171
Management, development and other fees	1,638	1,444
Total revenue	211,838	188,615
Expenses:		
Operating expenses, excluding property taxes	61,380	55,446
Property taxes	19,850	16,994
Interest expense, net	28,005	23,186
Depreciation expense	47,682	42,014
General and administrative expense	8,119	6,780
Total expenses	165,036	144,420
Equity in income (loss) of unconsolidated entities	34	(86)
Minority interest in consolidated partnerships	(106)	(449)
Gain on sale of land		545
Income from continuing operations	46,730	44,205
Discontinued operations:		
Income from discontinued operations	1,720	2,315
Total discontinued operations	1,720	2,315
Net income	48,450	46,520
Dividends attributable to preferred stock	(2,175)	(2,175)
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 46,275	\$ 44,345
Other comprehensive income:		
Unrealized gain (loss) on cash flow hedges	(236)	172
Comprehensive income	\$ 46,039	\$ 44,517

Earnings per common share basic:		
Income from continuing operations (net of dividends attributable to preferred stock)	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.54
Discontinued operations	0.02	0.03
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.57
Earnings per common share diluted:		
Income from continuing operations (net of dividends attributable to preferred stock)	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.53
Discontinued operations	0.02	0.03
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.56

See accompanying notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(Unaudited)  
(Dollars in thousands)

	For the three months ended	
	3-31-08	3-31-07
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 48,450	\$ 46,520
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	47,682	42,014
Depreciation expense from discontinued operations	1,110	2,080
Amortization of deferred financing costs and debt premium/discount	1,147	1,199
Amortization of stock-based compensation	4,617	5,539
Income allocated to minority interest in consolidated partnerships	106	449
Equity in income of unconsolidated entities, net of eliminations	257	326
Return on investment of unconsolidated entities		99
Gain on sale of real estate assets		(545)
Decrease in cash in operating escrows	1,795	4,866
Decrease (increase) in resident security deposits, prepaid expenses and other assets	(28,711)	6,603
Decrease in accrued expenses, other liabilities and accrued interest payable	(56,876)	(9,962)
Net cash provided by operating activities	19,577	99,188
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Development/redevelopment of real estate assets including land acquisitions and deferred development costs	(208,132)	(291,082)
Capital expenditures existing real estate assets	(204)	(355)
Capital expenditures non-real estate assets	(1,837)	(568)
Proceeds from sale of real estate, including reimbursement for Fund communities, net of selling costs		5,129
Decrease in payables for construction	(3,166)	(388)
Decrease in cash in construction escrows	59,186	
Decrease (increase) in investments in unconsolidated real estate entities	(2,792)	1,998
Net cash used in investing activities	(156,945)	(285,266)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Issuance of common stock	1,457	612,744
Repurchase of common stock	(42,159)	
Dividends paid	(67,760)	(60,342)
Net borrowings under unsecured credit facility	284,000	
Issuance of mortgage notes payable and draws on construction loans	264,697	
Repayments of mortgage notes payable	(2,039)	(17,785)
Repayment of unsecured notes	(50,000)	
Payment of deferred financing costs	(1,568)	(406)
Distributions to DownREIT partnership unitholders	(57)	(88)



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Distributions to joint venture and profit-sharing partners	(49)	(177)
Net cash provided by financing activities	386,522	533,946
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	249,154	347,868
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	21,166	8,567
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 270,320	\$ 356,435
Cash paid during the period for interest, net of amount capitalized	\$ 36,849	\$ 36,052

See accompanying notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (continued)

Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities (dollars in thousands):

During the three months ended March 31, 2008:

As described in Note 4, Stockholders' Equity, 127,077 shares of common stock valued at \$11,317 were issued in connection with stock grants, 1,562 shares valued at \$131 were issued through the Company's dividend reinvestment plan, 7,908 shares valued at \$346 were issued to a member of the Board of Directors in fulfillment of a deferred stock award and 36,835 shares valued at \$3,375 were withheld to satisfy employees tax withholding and other liabilities, for a net value of \$8,419. In addition, the Company granted 401,212 options for common stock, net of forfeitures, at a value of \$3,976.

The Company recorded a decrease to other comprehensive income of \$236 to record the impact of the Company's hedge accounting activity.

Common and preferred dividends declared but not paid totaled \$70,891.

The Company recorded a decrease of \$3,500 to minority interest with a corresponding increase to accumulated earnings less dividends to adjust the redemption value associated with the put option held by a joint venture partner. This put option allows our partner to require the Company to purchase their interest in the investment at the future fair market value, payable in cash or, at the Company's option, shares of the Company's common stock. For further discussion of the nature and valuation of the put option, see Note 11, Fair Value Measurements.

During the three months ended March 31, 2007:

As described in Note 4, Stockholders' Equity, 69,576 shares of common stock valued at \$10,279 were issued in connection with stock grants, 534 shares valued at \$73 were issued through the Company's dividend reinvestment plan, 38,692 shares valued at \$4,329 were withheld to satisfy employees' tax withholding and other liabilities and 1,904 shares valued at \$70 were forfeited, for a net value of \$5,953. In addition, the Company granted 335,856 options for common stock, net of forfeitures, at a value of \$7,417.

15,173 units of limited partnership, valued at \$737, were presented for redemption to the DownREIT partnerships that issued such units and were acquired by the Company in exchange for an equal number of shares of the Company's common stock.

The Company recorded a decrease to other liabilities of \$194 and a gain to other comprehensive income of \$172 to adjust the Company's Hedging Derivatives (as defined in Note 5, Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities) to their fair value.

Common and preferred dividends declared but not paid totaled \$69,871.

The Company recorded an increase of \$4,376 to minority interest with a corresponding decrease to accumulated earnings less dividends to adjust the redemption value associated with the put option held by a joint venture partner. This put option allows our partner to require the Company to purchase their interest in the investment at the future fair market value, payable in cash or, at the Company's option, shares of the Company's common stock.

**AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.**  
**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(Unaudited)**  
**(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)**

**1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies**

*Organization*

AvalonBay Communities, Inc. (the Company, which term, unless the context otherwise requires, refers to AvalonBay Communities, Inc. together with its subsidiaries), is a Maryland corporation that has elected to be taxed as a real estate investment trust ( REIT ) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 ( the Code ), as amended. The Company focuses on the ownership and operation of apartment communities in high barrier-to-entry markets of the United States. These markets are located in the New England, Metro New York/New Jersey, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Pacific Northwest, and Northern and Southern California regions of the country.

At March 31, 2008, the Company owned or held a direct or indirect ownership interest in 161 operating apartment communities containing 45,151 apartment homes in ten states and the District of Columbia, of which eight communities containing 2,120 apartment homes were under reconstruction. In addition, the Company owned or held a direct or indirect ownership interest in 22 communities under construction that are expected to contain an aggregate of 7,016 apartment homes when completed. The Company also owned or held a direct or indirect ownership interest in rights to develop an additional 46 communities that, if developed as expected, will contain an estimated 13,266 apartment homes.

During the three months ended March 31, 2008:

The Company commenced construction of one community, Avalon Charles Pond, located in Coram, New York. Avalon Charles Pond will contain 200 apartment homes and, if completed as planned, will be completed for a projected total capitalized cost of approximately \$46,500.

The Company purchased two land parcels for an aggregate purchase price of \$26,925. These land parcels are located in Seattle, Washington and Los Angeles, California.

The Board of Directors of the Company authorized an increase of \$200,000 in the Company's stock repurchase program, expanding the amount that the Company can acquire in open market or negotiated transactions to \$500,000. During the first quarter of 2008, the Company purchased 482,100 shares of common stock in open market transactions under its program at an average price of \$87.42 per share, bringing total purchases under the program to approximately \$300,000.

The Company executed two separate five-year, interest only mortgage loans for an aggregate borrowing of approximately \$264,697 at a weighted average effective interest rate of approximately 4.78%. One mortgage loan for approximately \$170,125 is secured by Avalon at Arlington Square, located in Arlington, Virginia. The second mortgage loan, for approximately \$94,572 is secured by Avalon at Cameron Court, located in Alexandria, Virginia.

AvalonBay Value Added Fund, L.P. (the Fund ) is the private, discretionary investment vehicle in which the Company holds an equity interest of approximately 15%. The Company completed the redevelopment of Avalon at Poplar Creek, located in Schumburg, Illinois, on behalf of the Fund. Avalon at Poplar Creek is a garden-style community and was completed for a total capitalized cost of \$3,100 excluding costs incurred prior to the start of redevelopment. During the first quarter of 2008, the Company also commenced the redevelopment of one community, South Hills Apartments, on behalf of the Fund. South Hills Apartments is a garden-style community located in West Covina, California that contains 85 apartment homes. The projected total capitalized cost for the redevelopment is \$4,400, excluding costs incurred prior to redevelopment.

The interim unaudited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with GAAP for interim financial information and in conjunction with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ). Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements required by GAAP have been

condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. These unaudited financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes included in the Company's 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2008 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full year. Management believes the disclosures are adequate to ensure the information presented is not misleading. In the opinion of management, all adjustments and eliminations, consisting only of normal, recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the financial statements for the interim periods, have been included.

*Principles of Consolidation*

The accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned partnerships, certain joint venture partnerships, subsidiary partnerships structured as DownREITs and any variable interest entities consolidated under FASB Interpretation No. 46 ( FIN 46(R) ), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an Interpretation of ARB No. 51, as revised in December 2003. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The Company assesses consolidation of variable interest entities under the guidance of FIN 46(R). The Company accounts for joint venture entities and subsidiary partnerships, including those structured as DownREITs, that are not variable interest entities, in accordance with EITF Issue No. 04-5, Determining Whether a General Partner, or the General Partners as a Group, Controls a Limited Partnership or Similar Entity When the Limited Partners Have Certain Rights, Statement of Position ( SOP ) 78-9, Accounting for Investments in Real Estate Ventures, Accounting Principles Board ( APB ) Opinion No. 18, The Equity Method of Accounting for Investments in Common Stock and EITF Topic D-46, Accounting for Limited Partnership Investments. The Company uses EITF Issue No. 04-5 to evaluate the partnership of each joint venture entity and determine whether control over the partnership, as defined by the EITF, lies with the general partner, or the limited partners, when the limited partners have certain rights. If the Company is the general partner and has control over the partnership, or if the Company's limited partnership ownership includes the ability to dissolve the partnership, or has substantive participating rights, the Company consolidates the investments. If the Company is not the general partner, or the Company's partnership interest does not overcome the presumption of control in a limited partnership residing with the general partner as discussed in the EITF, the Company then looks to the guidance in SOP 78-9, APB No. 18 and EITF Topic D-46 to determine the accounting framework to apply. The Company generally uses the equity method to account for these investments unless its ownership interest is so minor that it has virtually no influence over the partnership's operating and financial policies. Investments in which the Company has little or no influence are accounted for using the cost method.

In each of the partnerships structured as DownREITs, either the Company or one of the Company's wholly owned subsidiaries is the general partner, and there are one or more limited partners whose interest in the partnership is represented by units of limited partnership interest. For each DownREIT partnership, limited partners are entitled to receive an initial distribution of current cash flow before any distribution is made to the general partner. Although the partnership agreements for each of the DownREITs are different, generally the distributions per unit paid to the holders of units of limited partnership interests have approximated the Company's current common stock dividend per share. The holders of units of limited partnership interests have the right to present all or some of their units for redemption for a cash amount as determined by the applicable partnership agreement and based on the fair value of the Company's common stock. In lieu of cash redemption, the Company may elect to exchange such units for an equal number of shares of the Company's common stock.

In conjunction with the acquisition and development of investments in unconsolidated entities, the Company may incur costs in excess of its equity in the underlying assets. These costs are capitalized and depreciated over the life of the underlying assets to the extent that the Company expects to recover the costs.

If there is an event or change in circumstance that indicates a loss in the value of an investment, the Company's policy is to record the loss and reduce the value of the investment to its fair value. A loss in value would be indicated if the Company could not recover the carrying value of the investment or if the investee could not sustain an earnings capacity that would justify the carrying amount of the investment. The Company did not recognize an impairment loss on any of its investments in unconsolidated entities during the three months ended March 31, 2008 or 2007.

*Revenue and Gain Recognition*

Rental income related to leases is recognized on an accrual basis when due from residents in accordance with SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 104, Revenue Recognition, and Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 13, Accounting for Leases. In accordance with the Company's standard lease terms, rental payments are generally due on a monthly basis. Any cash concessions given at the inception of the lease are amortized over the approximate life of the lease, which is generally one year.

The Company accounts for sales of real estate assets and the related gain recognition in accordance with SFAS No. 66, Accounting for Sales of Real Estate.

*Real Estate*

Operating real estate assets are stated at cost and consist of land, buildings and improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and other costs incurred during their development, redevelopment and acquisition. Significant expenditures which improve or extend the life of an asset are capitalized. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

The Company's policy with respect to capital expenditures is generally to capitalize only non-recurring expenditures. Improvements and upgrades are capitalized only if the item exceeds \$15, extends the useful life of the asset and is not related to making an apartment home ready for the next resident. Purchases of personal property, such as computers and furniture, are capitalized only if the item is a new addition and exceeds \$2.5. The Company generally expenses purchases of personal property made for replacement purposes.

Project costs related to the acquisition, development, construction and redevelopment of real estate projects (including interest and related loan fees, property taxes and other direct costs) are capitalized as a cost of the project. Indirect project costs that relate to several projects are capitalized and allocated to the projects to which they relate. Indirect costs not clearly related to development, construction and redevelopment activity are expensed as incurred. For development, capitalization begins when the Company has determined that development of the future asset is probable and ends when the asset, or a portion of an asset, is delivered and is ready for its intended use. For redevelopment efforts, we capitalize costs either (i) in advance of taking homes out of service when significant renovation of the common area has begun until the redevelopment is completed, or (ii) when an apartment home is taken out-of-service for redevelopment until the redevelopment is completed and the apartment home is available for a new resident. Rental income and operating costs incurred during the initial lease-up or post-redevelopment lease-up period are recognized as they accrue.

In accordance with SFAS No. 67, Accounting for Costs and Initial Rental Operations of Real Estate Projects, the Company capitalizes pre-development costs incurred in pursuit of new development opportunities for which the Company currently believes future development is probable ( Development Rights ). Future development of these Development Rights is dependent upon various factors, including zoning and regulatory approval, rental market conditions, construction costs and the availability of capital. Pre-development costs incurred in the pursuit of Development Rights for which future development is not yet considered probable are expensed as incurred. In addition, if the status of a Development Right changes, making future development by the Company no longer probable, any capitalized pre-development costs are written-off with a charge to expense. The Company expensed costs related to abandoned pursuits, which includes the abandonment or impairment of Development Rights, acquisition pursuits and disposition pursuits, in the amounts of \$500 and \$787 for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. These costs are included in operating expenses, excluding property taxes on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Other Comprehensive Income. Abandoned pursuit costs can vary greatly, and the costs incurred in any given period may be significantly different in future years. The Company owns land improved with office buildings, industrial space and other commercial ventures occupied by unrelated third parties in connection with 13 Development Rights. The Company intends to manage the current improvements until such time as all tenant obligations have been satisfied or eliminated through negotiation, and construction of new apartment communities is ready to begin. As provided under the guidance of SFAS No. 67, the revenue from incidental operations received from the current improvements in excess of any incremental costs are being recorded as a reduction of total capitalized costs of the Development Right and not as part of net income.



In connection with the acquisition of an operating community, the Company performs a valuation, allocating to each asset and liability acquired in such transaction, their estimated fair values at the date of acquisition in accordance with SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations*. The purchase price allocations to tangible assets, such as land, buildings and improvements, and furniture, fixtures and equipment, are reflected in real estate assets and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Any purchase price allocation to intangible assets, such as in-place leases, is included in prepaid expenses and other assets on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets and amortized over the average remaining lease term of the acquired leases. The fair value of acquired in-place leases is determined based on the estimated cost to replace such leases, including foregone rents during an assumed re-lease period, as well as the impact on projected cash flow of acquired leases with leased rents above or below current market rents.

Depreciation is calculated on buildings and improvements using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, which range from seven to thirty years. Furniture, fixtures and equipment are generally depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, which range from three years (primarily computer-related equipment) to seven years.

It is the Company's policy to perform a quarterly qualitative analysis to determine if there are changes in circumstances that suggest the carrying value of a long-lived asset may not be recoverable. If there is an event or change in circumstance that indicates an impairment in the value of an operating community, the Company compares the current and projected operating cash flow of the community over its remaining useful life, on an undiscounted basis, to the carrying amount of the community. If the carrying amount is in excess of the estimated projected operating cash flow of the community, the Company would recognize an impairment loss equivalent to an amount required to adjust the carrying amount to its estimated fair market value. The Company did not recognize an impairment loss on any of its operating communities during the three months ended March 31, 2008 or 2007.

#### *Deferred Financing Costs*

Deferred financing costs include fees and other expenditures necessary to obtain debt financing and are amortized on a straight-line basis, which approximates the effective interest method, over the shorter of the term of the loan or the related credit enhancement facility, if applicable. Unamortized financing costs are written-off when debt is retired before the maturity date. Accumulated amortization of deferred financing costs was \$20,017 at March 31, 2008 and was \$19,368 at December 31, 2007.

#### *Cash, Cash Equivalents and Cash in Escrow*

Cash and cash equivalents include all cash and liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less from the date acquired. Cash in escrow consists primarily of construction financing proceeds that are restricted for use in the construction of a specific community. The majority of the Company's cash, cash equivalents and cash in escrows are held at major commercial banks.

#### *Interest Rate Contracts*

The Company utilizes derivative financial instruments to manage interest rate risk and generally designates these financial instruments as cash flow hedges under the guidance of SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, as amended. As of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the Company had approximately \$153,962 and \$213,108, respectively, in variable rate debt subject to cash flow hedges. Excluding debt on communities classified as held for sale, the Company did not apply hedge accounting for an additional \$94,820 in variable rate debt which is subject to interest rate caps as of March 31, 2008. See Note 5, *Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, for further discussion of derivative financial instruments.

#### *Comprehensive Income*

Comprehensive income, as reflected on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Other Comprehensive Income, is defined as all changes in equity during each period except for those resulting from investments by or distributions to shareholders. Accumulated other comprehensive loss as reflected in Note 4, *Stockholders' Equity*, reflects the effective portion of the cumulative changes in the fair value of derivatives in qualifying cash flow hedge relationships.



*Earnings per Common Share*

In accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 128, Earnings per Share, basic earnings per share is computed by dividing earnings available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. Other potentially dilutive common shares, and the related impact to earnings, are considered when calculating earnings per share on a diluted basis. The Company's earnings per common share are determined as follows:

	For the three months ended	
	3-31-08	3-31-07
<u>Basic and diluted shares outstanding</u>		
Weighted average common shares - basic	76,600,201	78,431,936
Weighted average DownREIT units outstanding	64,019	144,586
Effect of dilutive securities	776,672	1,354,226
Weighted average common shares - diluted	77,440,892	79,930,748
<u>Calculation of Earnings per Share - basic</u>		
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 46,275	\$ 44,345
Weighted average common shares - basic	76,600,201	78,431,936
Earnings per common share - basic	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.57
<u>Calculation of Earnings per Share - diluted</u>		
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 46,275	\$ 44,345
Add: Minority interest of DownREIT unitholders in consolidated partnerships, including discontinued operations	57	88
Adjusted net income available to common stockholders	\$ 46,332	\$ 44,433
Weighted average common shares - diluted	77,440,892	79,930,748
Earnings per common share - diluted	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.56

Certain options to purchase shares of common stock in the amounts of 1,508,451 and 335,856 were outstanding during the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because in applying the treasury stock method under the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R), Share Based Payments - as discussed below, such options are anti-dilutive.

*Legal and Other Contingencies*

The Company is currently involved in litigation alleging that 100 communities currently or formerly owned by the Company violated the accessibility requirements of the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The lawsuit, Equal Rights Center v. AvalonBay Communities, Inc., was filed on September 23, 2005 in the federal district court in Maryland. The plaintiff seeks compensatory and punitive damages in unspecified amounts as well as injunctive relief (such as modification of existing communities), an award of attorneys' fees, expenses and costs of suit. The Company has filed a motion to dismiss all or parts of the suit, which has not been ruled on yet by the court. The Company cannot predict or determine the outcome of this lawsuit, nor is it reasonably possible to estimate the amount of loss, if any, that would be associated with an adverse decision.

In addition, the Company is subject to various legal proceedings and claims that arise in the ordinary course of business. These matters are frequently covered by insurance. If it has been determined that a loss is probable to occur, the estimated amount of the loss is expensed in the financial statements. While the resolution of these matters cannot

be predicted with certainty, management currently believes the final outcome of such matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

#### *Assets Held for Sale & Discontinued Operations*

The Company follows SFAS No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets* ( SFAS No. 144 ) which requires that the assets and liabilities of any communities which have been sold, or otherwise qualify as held for sale, be presented separately in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. In addition, the results of operations for those assets that meet the definition of discontinued operations are presented as such in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Other Comprehensive Income. Held for sale and discontinued operations classifications are provided in both the current and prior periods presented. Real estate assets held for sale are measured at the lower of the carrying amount or the fair value less the cost to sell. Both the real estate assets and corresponding liabilities are presented separately in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Subsequent to classification of a community as held for sale, no further depreciation is recorded. For those assets qualifying for classification as discontinued operations, the community specific components of net income presented as discontinued operations include net operating income, minority interest expense, depreciation expense and interest expense, net. For periods prior to the asset qualifying for discontinued operations under SFAS No. 144, the Company reclassified the results of operations to discontinued operations in accordance with SFAS No. 144. In addition, the net gain or loss (including any impairment loss) on the eventual disposal of communities held for sale will be presented as discontinued operations when recognized. A change in presentation for held for sale or discontinued operations will not have any impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations. The Company combines the operating, investing and financing portions of cash flows attributable to discontinued operations with the respective cash flows from continuing operations on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

#### *Income Taxes*

As of March 31, 2008, the Company did not have any unrecognized tax benefits as defined in FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes* an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109, ( FIN 48 ). We do not believe that there will be any material changes in our unrecognized tax positions over the next 12 months. The Company is subject to examination by the respective taxing authorities for the tax years 2004 through 2006.

#### *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### *Reclassifications*

Certain reclassifications have been made to amounts in prior periods' financial statements to conform to current year presentations.

#### *Recently Issued Accounting Standards*

On January 1, 2008, the Company adopted FASB Statement No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* ( SFAS No. 157 ). This standard defines fair value, establishes a methodology for measuring fair value and expands the required disclosure for fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 emphasizes that fair value is a market-based, not an entity-specific, measurement that should be determined based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. This statement applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements and does not require any new fair value measurements. The standard applies prospectively to new fair value measurements performed after the required effective dates, which are as follows: (i) on January 1, 2008, the standard applied to the measurements of fair values for financial instruments and recurring fair value measurements of non-financial assets and liabilities; and (ii) on January 1, 2009, the standard will apply to all remaining fair value measurements, including non-recurring measurements of non-financial assets and liabilities such as the Company's long-lived assets. It also will apply to fair value measurements of non-financial assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business combinations. On January 18, 2008, the FASB issued proposed FASB Staff Position (FSP) FAS 157-c, *Measuring Liabilities under Statement 157*, which will modify the definition of fair value by requiring estimation of the proceeds that would be received if the entity were to issue the liability at the measurement date. The adoption of the provisions in SFAS No. 157 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.



The provisions in the consensus of Emerging Issues Task Force on Issue 07-6 Accounting for the Sale of Real Estate Subject to the Requirements of FASB Statement No. 66 ( SFAS No. 66 ) When the Agreement Includes a Buy-Sell Clause ( EITF 07-6 ) became effective for the Company for any new arrangements entered into beginning January 1, 2008. EITF 07-6 addresses the impact of a buy-sell clause contained within a joint venture agreement on a seller's continuing involvement in the entity and corresponding ability to recognize profit on a sale of real estate to the joint venture, in which they retain a partial ownership interest. In EITF 07-6, the Task Force reached a consensus that a buy-sell clause, in and of itself, does not constitute a prohibited form of continuing involvement that would preclude partial sales treatment under SFAS No. 66. However, a buy-sell clause may constitute a prohibited form of continuing involvement that precludes partial sales treatment if the buyer cannot act independently from the seller or if the seller is economically compelled to reacquire the other partner's interest in the jointly owned entity. The Company does not believe the provisions of EITF 07-6 will have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

## 2. Interest Capitalized

The Company capitalizes interest during the development and redevelopment of real estate assets in accordance with SFAS No. 34, Capitalization of Interest Cost. Capitalized interest associated with communities under development or redevelopment totaled \$19,663 for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and \$15,433 for the three months ended March 31, 2007.

## 3. Notes Payable, Unsecured Notes and Credit Facility

The Company's mortgage notes payable, unsecured notes and variable rate unsecured credit facility as of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 are summarized below. The following amounts and discussion do not include the mortgage notes related to two of the communities classified as held for sale as of March 31, 2008 as shown in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (see Note 7, Real Estate Disposition Activities ).

	3-31-08	12-31-07
Fixed rate unsecured notes <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1,843,605	\$ 1,893,499
Fixed rate mortgage notes payable - conventional and tax-exempt	493,627	230,050
Variable rate mortgage notes payable - conventional and tax-exempt	542,834	543,753
Total notes payable and unsecured notes	2,880,066	2,667,302
Variable rate unsecured credit facility	798,500	514,500
Total mortgage notes payable, unsecured notes and unsecured credit facility	\$ 3,678,566	\$ 3,181,802

<sup>(1)</sup> Balances at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 include \$2,395 and \$2,501 of debt discount, respectively.

The following debt activity occurred during the three months ended March 31, 2008:

the Company repaid \$50,000 in previously issued unsecured notes in January 2008, along with any unpaid interest, pursuant to their scheduled maturity;

the Company borrowed \$284,000 under its unsecured credit facility; and

the Company executed two separate five-year, interest only mortgage loans for aggregate borrowings of approximately \$264,697 at a weighted average effective interest rate of approximately 4.78%. One mortgage loan for approximately \$170,125 is secured by Avalon at Arlington Square, located in Arlington, Virginia. The second mortgage loan, for approximately \$94,572 is secured by Avalon at Cameron Court, located in Alexandria, Virginia. As discussed in Note 12, Subsequent Events, the Company used the net proceeds from these financings to reduce the outstanding amount on the Company's unsecured credit facility.

In the aggregate, secured notes payable mature at various dates from October 2008 through October 2047 and are secured by certain apartment communities and improved land parcels (with a net carrying value of \$1,233,318 as of March 31, 2008). As of March 31, 2008, the Company has guaranteed approximately \$108,414 of mortgage notes payable held by wholly owned subsidiaries; all such mortgage notes payable are consolidated for financial reporting purposes. The weighted average interest rate of the Company's fixed rate mortgage notes payable (conventional and tax-exempt) was 5.6% and 6.5% at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. The weighted average interest rate of the Company's variable rate mortgage notes payable and its unsecured credit facility, including the effect of certain financing related fees, was 4.0% at March 31, 2008 and 5.4% at December 31, 2007. Scheduled payments and maturities of mortgage notes payable and unsecured notes outstanding at March 31, 2008 are as follows:

Year	Secured notes payments	Secured notes maturities	Unsecured notes maturities	Stated interest rate of unsecured notes
2008	6,813	4,410	146,000	8.250%
2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	6,128	76,030	150,000	7.500%
2010	6,226	29,388	200,000	7.500%
2011	5,324	36,579	300,000	6.625%
			50,000	6.625%
2012	4,265	27,143	250,000	6.125%
			250,000	5.500%
2013	4,610	264,697	100,000	4.950%
2014	4,988	33,100	150,000	5.375%
2015	5,396			
2016	5,838		250,000	5.750%
2017	6,328	18,300		
Thereafter	253,727	237,171		
	\$ 309,643	\$ 726,818	\$ 1,846,000	

(1) As discussed in Note 12, Subsequent Events, in April 2008 the Company redeemed \$10,000 of its \$150,000, 7.5% medium term notes which mature in 2009.

The Company's unsecured notes contain a number of financial and other covenants with which the Company must comply, including, but not limited to, limits on the aggregate amount of total and secured indebtedness the Company may have on a consolidated basis and limits on the Company's required debt service payments.

The Company has a variable rate unsecured credit facility in the amount of \$1,000,000 with a syndicate of commercial banks, to whom the Company pays, in the aggregate, an annual facility fee of approximately \$1,250. The Company had \$798,500 outstanding under the current credit facility and \$58,512 outstanding in letters of credit on March 31, 2008. At December 31, 2007, there was \$514,500 outstanding under the current credit facility and \$61,689 outstanding in letters of credit. The unsecured credit facility bears interest at varying levels based on the London Interbank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ), rating levels achieved on the Company s unsecured notes and on a maturity schedule selected by the Company. The current stated pricing is LIBOR plus 0.40% per annum (3.10% at March 31, 2008). The stated spread over LIBOR can vary from LIBOR plus 0.325% to LIBOR plus 1.00% based on the Company s credit rating. In addition, the unsecured credit facility includes a competitive bid option, which allows banks that are part of the lender consortium to bid to make loans to the Company at a rate that is lower than the stated rate provided by the unsecured credit facility for up to \$422,500. The competitive bid option may result in lower pricing than the stated rate if market conditions allow. The Company did not have any amounts outstanding under this competitive bid option as of March 31, 2008. The Company is in compliance with certain customary covenants under the unsecured credit facility, including, but not limited to, maintaining certain maximum leverage ratios, a minimum fixed charges coverage ratio and minimum unencumbered assets and equity levels. The credit facility matures in November 2011, assuming exercise of a one-year renewal option by the Company.



4. Stockholders Equity

The following summarizes the changes in stockholders equity for the three months ended March 31, 2008:

	Preferred stock	Common stock	Additional paid-in capital	Accumulated earnings less dividends	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Total stockholders equity
Balance at December 31, 2007	\$ 40	\$ 773	\$ 3,026,708	\$ 2,499	\$ (3,366)	\$ 3,026,654
Net income				48,450		48,450
Unrealized loss on cash flow hedges					(236)	(236)
Change in redemption value of minority interest				3,500		3,500
Dividends declared to common and preferred stockholders				(70,873)		(70,873)
Issuance of common stock, net of withholdings		2	(1,477)	(185)		(1,660)
Purchase of common stock		(5)	(18,086)	(24,068)		(42,159)
Amortization of deferred compensation			8,015			8,015
Balance at March 31, 2008	\$ 40	\$ 770	\$ 3,015,160	\$ (40,677)	\$ (3,602)	\$ 2,971,691

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, the Company:

- (i) issued 35,696 shares of common stock in connection with stock options exercised;
- (ii) issued 7,908 shares to a member of the Board of Directors in fulfillment of a deferred stock award;
- (iii) issued 1,562 shares through the Company's dividend reinvestment plan;
- (iv) issued 127,077 common shares in connection with stock grants;
- (v) withheld 36,835 shares to satisfy employees' tax withholding and other liabilities; and
- (vi) purchased 482,100 shares through the Company's stock repurchase program.

In addition, the Company granted 401,212 options for common stock to employees. As required under SFAS No. 123(R), any deferred compensation related to the Company's stock option and restricted stock grants during the three months ended March 31, 2008 is not reflected on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2008 or above, and will not be reflected until earned as compensation cost.

Dividends per common share were \$0.8925 for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and \$0.85 for the three months ended March 31, 2007. The average dividend for all non-redeemed preferred shares during the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 was \$0.54 per share.

The Company offers a Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (the "DRIP"), which allows for holders of the Company's common stock or preferred stock to purchase shares of common stock through either reinvested dividends or optional cash payments. The purchase price per share for newly issued shares of common stock under the DRIP will be equal to the last reported sale price for a share of the Company's common stock as reported by the New York Stock Exchange ( "NYSE") on the applicable investment date.

In February 2008, the Company announced that its Board of Directors increased the Company's common stock repurchase program for purchases of shares of its common stock in open market or negotiated transactions to \$500,000. During the three months ended March 31, 2008, the Company repurchased 482,100 shares at an average price of \$87.42 per share through this program, bringing the total amount of common stock purchased under the program to approximately \$300,000.

### 5. Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company enters into interest rate swap and interest rate cap agreements (collectively, the Hedging Derivatives ) to reduce the impact of interest rate fluctuations on its variable rate, tax-exempt bonds and its variable rate conventional secured debt (collectively, the Hedged Debt ). The Company has not entered into any interest rate hedge agreements for its conventional unsecured debt and does not enter into derivative transactions for trading or other speculative purposes. The following table summarizes the consolidated Hedging Derivatives at March 31, 2008 (dollars in thousands):

	Interest Rate Caps	Interest Rate Swaps
Notional balance	\$ 235,637	\$ 45,996
Weighted average interest rate <sup>(1)</sup>	4.2%	6.5%
Weighted average capped interest rate	7.5%	n/a
Earliest maturity date	May-09	Jun-10
Latest maturity date	Mar-14	Jun-10
Estimated fair value, asset/(liability)	\$ 133	\$ (2,945)

(1) For interest rate caps, this represents the weighted average interest rate on the debt.

Excluding derivatives executed to hedge debt on communities classified as held for sale, the Company had six derivatives designated as cash flow hedges and five derivatives not designated as hedges at March 31, 2008. For the derivative positions that the Company has determined qualify as effective cash flow hedges under SFAS No. 133, the Company has recorded the effective portion of cumulative changes in the fair value of the Hedging Derivatives in other comprehensive income. Amounts recorded in other comprehensive income will be reclassified into earnings in the periods in which earnings are affected by the hedged cash flow. To adjust the Hedging Derivatives to their fair value and recognize the impact of hedge accounting, the Company recorded a reduction in other comprehensive income of \$236 during the three months ended March 31, 2008 and an increase of \$172 during the three months ended March 31, 2007. Amounts in other comprehensive income will be reclassified into earnings in conjunction with the periodic adjustment of the floating rates on the Hedged Debt, in interest expense, net. The amount reclassified into earnings for the three months ended March 31, 2008, as well as the estimated amount included in accumulated other comprehensive income as of March 31, 2008, expected to be reclassified into earnings within the next twelve months to offset the variability of cash flows of the hedged items during this period are not material.

The Company assesses both at inception and on an on-going basis, the effectiveness of qualifying cash flow hedges. Hedge ineffectiveness, reported as a component of general and administrative expenses, did not have a material impact on earnings of the Company for any prior period, and the Company does not anticipate that it will have a material effect in the future. The fair values of the Hedging Derivatives are included in accrued expenses and other liabilities on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Derivative financial instruments expose the Company to credit risk in the event of nonperformance by the counterparties under the terms of the Hedging Derivatives. The Company minimizes its credit risk on these transactions by dealing with major, creditworthy financial institutions which have an A+ or better credit rating by the Standard & Poor's Ratings Group. As part of its on-going control procedures, the Company monitors the credit ratings of counterparties and the exposure of the Company to any single entity, thus minimizing credit risk concentration. The Company believes the likelihood of realizing losses from counterparty non-performance is remote. Consistent with the provisions of SFAS No. 157, the Company incorporates credit valuation adjustments to appropriately reflect both its own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements of its

derivative financial instruments. Refer to Note 11, Fair Value Measurements for further discussion of fair value measurements under SFAS No. 157.

## 6. Investments in Real Estate Entities

### *Investments in Unconsolidated Real Estate Entities*

The Company accounts for its investments in unconsolidated real estate entities that are not considered variable interest entities under FIN 46(R) in accordance with EITF Issue No. 04-5, SOP 78-9, APB No. 18, and EITF Topic D-46 as applicable. As of March 31, 2008, the Company's investments in unconsolidated real estate entities accounted for under the equity method of accounting consisted of:

a 20% limited liability company membership interest (with a right to 50% of distributions after achievement of a threshold return) in the limited liability company that owns the Avalon Chrystie Place I community;

a 25% limited liability company membership interest (with a right to 45% of distributions after achievement of a threshold return) in the limited liability company that developed and owns the Avalon at Mission Bay North II community;

a 30% limited liability company membership interest (with a right to 45% or the residual distribution after the joint venture partners receive both a return of their initial investment and an achievement of a threshold return on that investment) in the limited liability company that developed and owns the Avalon Del Rey community;

a 50% limited liability company membership interest (with a right to 95% of distributions until the Company receives a return of our investment capital and a threshold return thereon) in the limited liability company that will develop 64 for-sale town homes adjacent to the Company's Avalon Danvers community; and

a 15.2% combined general partner and indirect limited partner equity interest in the Fund (with the opportunity to receive as much as 20% of the Fund's distributions in excess of return of capital, as an additional promoted distribution, based on the achievement of certain threshold returns), which owns the following 20 communities: Avalon at Redondo Beach, Avalon Lakeside, Avalon Columbia, Avalon Redmond, Avalon Sunset, Avalon at Poplar Creek, Avalon at Civic Center, Avalon Paseo Place, Avalon Yerba Buena, Avalon at Aberdeen Station, The Springs, The Covington, Avalon Cedar Place, Avalon Crystal Hill, Middlesex Crossing, Avalon Centerpoint, Skyway Terrace, Avalon Rutherford Station, South Hills Apartments and Colonial Towers/South Shore Manor.

In addition, as part of the formation of the Fund, the Company provided a guarantee to one of the limited partners. The guarantee provides that, if, upon final liquidation of the Fund, the total amount of all distributions to that partner during the life of the Fund (whether from operating cash flow or property sales) does not equal the total capital contributions made by that partner, then the Company will pay the partner an amount equal to the shortfall, but in no event more than 10% of the total capital contributions made by the partner (maximum of approximately \$7,192 as of March 31, 2008). As of March 31, 2008, the fair value of the real estate assets owned by the Fund is considered adequate to cover such potential payment under a liquidation scenario. The estimated fair value of and the Company's obligation under this guarantee, both at inception and as of March 31, 2008 was not significant and therefore the Company has not recorded any obligation for this guarantee as of March 31, 2008.

The following is a combined summary of the financial position of the entities accounted for using the equity method, as of the dates presented:

	3-31-08 (unaudited)	12-31-07 (unaudited)
Assets:		
Real estate, net	\$ 1,060,851	\$ 997,319
Other assets	39,135	31,774
Total assets	\$ 1,099,986	\$ 1,029,093
Liabilities and partners' capital:		
Mortgage notes payable and credit facility	\$ 735,883	\$ 719,310
Other liabilities	22,428	20,496
Partners' capital	341,675	289,287
Total liabilities and partners' capital	\$ 1,099,986	\$ 1,029,093

The following is a combined summary of the operating results of the entities accounted for using the equity method, for the years presented:

	For the three months ended	
	3-31-08 (unaudited)	3-31-07 (unaudited)
Rental and other income	\$ 26,867	\$ 19,214
Operating and other expenses	(11,354)	(8,775)
Interest expense, net	(10,117)	(8,526)
Depreciation expense	(8,031)	(5,877)
Net loss	\$ (2,635)	\$ (3,964)

In conjunction with the acquisition and development of the investments in unconsolidated entities, the Company incurred costs in excess of its equity in the underlying net assets of the respective investments. These costs represent \$5,326 at March 31, 2008 and \$5,375 at December 31, 2007 of the respective investment balances.

#### *Investments in Consolidated Real Estate Entities*

The Company holds an option to make a capital contribution to an entity in connection with the pursuit of a Development Right in Pleasant Hill, California. The Company currently does not have any equity or economic interest in this entity. However, due to the nature of the Company's option to make a capital contribution, this entity is considered a variable interest entity under FIN 46(R), where the Company is the primary beneficiary. This entity has no operations and has minimal assets and equity, and is therefore not considered a significant variable interest entity.

#### 7. Real Estate Disposition Activities

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, the Company did not sell any communities. As of March 31, 2008, the Company had five communities that qualified as discontinued operations and held for sale under the provisions of SFAS No. 144.

In accordance with the requirements of SFAS No. 144, the operations for any communities sold from January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 and the communities that qualified as discontinued operations and held for sale as of March 31, 2008 have been presented as such in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Accordingly, certain reclassifications have been made in prior periods to reflect discontinued operations consistent with current period presentation.

The following is a summary of income from discontinued operations for the periods presented:

	For the three months ended	
	3-31-08	3-31-07
Rental income	\$ 4,350	\$ 8,091
Operating and other expenses	(1,334)	(3,004)
Interest expense, net	(186)	(692)
Depreciation expense	(1,110)	(2,080)
Income from discontinued operations	\$ 1,720	\$ 2,315

The Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets include other assets (excluding net real estate) of \$1,074 and \$891 as of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively, \$26,400 of mortgage notes as of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, and other liabilities of \$4,103 as of March 31, 2008 and \$3,940 as of December 31, 2007, relating to real estate assets sold or classified as held for sale.

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, the Company did not sell any parcels of land. The Company had gains on the sales of land parcels of \$545 in the three months ended March 31, 2007.

#### 8. Segment Reporting

The Company's reportable operating segments include Established Communities, Other Stabilized Communities, and Development/Redevelopment Communities. Annually as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Company determines which of its communities fall into each of these categories and maintains that classification, unless disposition plans regarding a community change, throughout the year for the purpose of reporting segment operations.

*Established Communities (also known as Same Store Communities)* are communities where a comparison of operating results from the prior year to the current year is meaningful, as these communities were owned and had stabilized occupancy and operating expenses as of the beginning of the prior year. For the three months ended March 31, 2008, the Established Communities are communities that are consolidated for financial reporting purposes, had stabilized occupancy and operating expenses as of January 1, 2007, are not conducting or planning to conduct substantial redevelopment activities and are not held for sale or planned for disposition within the current year. A community is considered to have stabilized occupancy at the earlier of (i) attainment of 95% physical occupancy or (ii) the one-year anniversary of completion of development or redevelopment.

*Other Stabilized Communities* includes all other completed communities that have stabilized occupancy, as defined above. Other Stabilized Communities do not include communities that are conducting or planning to conduct substantial redevelopment activities within the current year.

*Development/Redevelopment Communities* consists of communities that are under construction and have not received a final certificate of occupancy, communities where substantial redevelopment is in progress or is planned to begin during the current year and communities under lease-up, that had not reached stabilized occupancy, as defined above, as of January 1, 2007.

In addition, the Company owns land held for future development and has other corporate assets that are not allocated to an operating segment.

SFAS No. 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information, requires that segment disclosures present the measure(s) used by the chief operating decision maker for purposes of assessing such segments performance. The Company's chief operating decision maker is comprised of several members of its executive management team who use net operating income ( NOI ) as the primary financial measure for Established Communities and Other Stabilized Communities. NOI is defined by the Company as total revenue less direct property operating expenses. Although the Company considers NOI a useful measure of a community's or communities' operating performance, NOI should not be considered an alternative to net income or net cash flow from operating activities, as



determined in accordance with GAAP. NOI excludes a number of income and expense categories as detailed in the reconciliation of NOI to net income.

A reconciliation of NOI to net income for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 is as follows:

	For the three months ended	
	3-31-08	3-31-07
Net income	\$ 48,450	\$ 46,520
Indirect operating expenses, net of corporate income	8,458	6,996
Investments and investment management	1,719	2,024
Interest expense, net	28,005	23,186
General and administrative expense	8,119	6,780
Equity in income of unconsolidated entities	(34)	86
Minority interest in consolidated partnerships	106	449
Depreciation expense	47,682	42,014
Gain on sale of real estate assets		(545)
Income from discontinued operations	(1,720)	(2,315)
Net operating income	\$ 140,785	\$ 125,195

The primary performance measure for communities under development or redevelopment depends on the stage of completion. While under development, management monitors actual construction costs against budgeted costs as well as lease-up pace and rent levels compared to budget.

The table below provides details of the Company's segment information as of the dates specified. The segments are classified based on the individual community's status as of the beginning of the given calendar year. Therefore, each year the composition of communities within each business segment is adjusted. Accordingly, the amounts between years are not directly comparable. The accounting policies applicable to the operating segments described above are the same as those described in Note 1, Organization and Significant Accounting Policies. Segment information for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 has been adjusted for the communities that were sold from January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008, or otherwise qualify as discontinued operations as of March 31, 2008, as described in Note 7, Real Estate Disposition Activities.

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	Total revenue	NOI	% NOI change from prior year	Gross real estate (1)
<u>For the three months ended March 31, 2008</u>				
Established				
New England	\$ 31,435	\$ 19,897	1.3%	\$ 821,456
Metro NY/NJ	37,628	25,568	1.7%	963,395
Mid-Atlantic/Midwest	31,676	20,277	3.6%	771,024
Pacific Northwest	5,324	3,824	11.2%	174,490
Northern California	34,156	25,626	10.7%	1,144,113
Southern California	15,390	11,106	1.9%	375,446
Total Established	155,609	106,298	4.4%	4,249,924
Other Stabilized				
Development / Redevelopment	29,153	18,889	n/a	1,089,627
Land Held for Future Development	25,438	15,598	n/a	1,934,647
Non-allocated (2)	n/a	n/a	n/a	305,669
	1,638	n/a	n/a	47,172
Total	\$ 211,838	\$ 140,785	12.5%	\$ 7,627,039
<u>For the three months ended March 31, 2007</u>				
Established				
New England	\$ 31,151	\$ 20,937	4.0%	\$ 847,764
Metro NY/NJ	34,722	24,119	8.5%	901,544
Mid-Atlantic/Midwest	29,905	18,910	7.6%	749,541
Pacific Northwest	8,094	5,480	17.1%	289,682
Northern California	36,390	26,498	12.5%	1,293,487
Southern California	13,824	10,068	8.1%	349,115
Total Established	154,086	106,012	8.7%	4,431,133
Other Stabilized				
Development / Redevelopment	12,616	7,259	n/a	360,763
Land Held for Future Development	20,469	11,924	n/a	1,430,977
Non-allocated (2)	n/a	n/a	n/a	315,241
	1,444	n/a	n/a	42,844
Total	\$ 188,615	\$ 125,195	13.2%	\$ 6,580,958

(1) Does not include gross real estate assets held for sale of \$138,901 and \$323,376 as of

March 31, 2008  
and 2007,  
respectively.

- (2) Revenue represents third-party management, accounting and developer fees and miscellaneous income which are not allocated to a reportable segment.

### 9. Stock-Based Compensation Plans

The Company has a stock incentive plan (the 1994 Plan), which was amended and restated on December 8, 2004, and amended on February 9, 2006, December 6, 2006 and September 19, 2007. Individuals who are eligible to participate in the 1994 Plan include officers, other associates, outside directors and other key persons of the Company and its subsidiaries who are responsible for or contribute to the management, growth or profitability of the Company and its subsidiaries. The 1994 Plan authorizes (i) the grant of stock options that qualify as incentive stock options (ISOs) under Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code, (ii) the grant of stock options that do not so qualify, (iii) grants of shares of restricted and unrestricted common stock, (iv) grants of deferred stock awards, (v) performance share awards entitling the recipient to acquire shares of common stock and (vi) dividend equivalent rights.

Shares of common stock of 2,365,816 and 2,160,738 were available for future option or restricted stock grant awards under the 1994 Plan as of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. Annually on January 1<sup>st</sup>, the maximum number available for issuance under the 1994 Plan is increased by up to 1.00% of the total number of shares of common stock and DownREIT units actually outstanding on such date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the maximum number of shares of stock for which ISOs may be issued under the 1994 Plan shall not exceed 2,500,000 and no awards shall be granted under the 1994 Plan after May 11, 2011. Options and restricted stock granted under the 1994 Plan vest and expire over varying periods, as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors.

Information with respect to stock options granted under the 1994 Plan, the Avalon 1995 Incentive Plan and the Avalon 1993 Plan is as follows:

	1994 Plan shares	Weighted average exercise price per share	Avalon 1995 Incentive Plan and Avalon 1993 Plan shares	Weighted average exercise price per share
Options Outstanding, December 31, 2007	2,321,715	\$ 83.15	768	\$ 36.61
Exercised	(35,696)	41.52		
Granted	401,212	89.06		
Forfeited	(7,490)	117.04		
Options Outstanding, March 31, 2008	2,679,741	\$ 84.50	768	\$ 36.61
Options Exercisable:				
March 31, 2008	1,783,596	\$ 73.46	768	\$ 36.61

The weighted average fair value of the options granted during the three months ended March 31, 2008 is estimated at \$9.91 per share on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions: dividend yield of 5.5% over the expected life of the option, volatility of 22.17%, risk-free interest rate of 3.09% and an expected life of approximately seven years.

The Company issued 127,077 shares of restricted stock valued at \$11,317, as part of its stock-based compensation plan during the three months ended March 31, 2008. Compensation cost is recognized over the requisite service period, which varies, but does not exceed five years. The fair value of restricted stock is the closing stock price on the date of the grant. Provisions of SFAS No. 123(R) require the Company to recognize compensation cost taking into consideration retirement eligibility. The cost related to stock-based compensation for restricted stock included in the determination of net income is based on actual forfeitures for the given year. Restricted stock awards typically vest

over a five-year period with the exception of accelerated vesting provisions. Restricted stock vesting during the three months ended March 31, 2008 had fair values ranging from \$51.20 to \$147.75 per share. The total fair value of shares vested was \$9,614 for the three months ended March 31, 2008.

Total stock-based compensation cost recognized in income was \$4,617 and \$5,539 for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and total capitalized stock-based compensation cost was \$1,377 and \$912 for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. At March 31, 2008, there was a total of \$10,146 and \$16,234 in unrecognized compensation cost for unvested stock options and unvested restricted stock, respectively. The unrecognized compensation cost for stock options does not take into account estimated forfeitures. The unrecognized compensation cost for unvested stock options and restricted stock is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.93 years and 2.83 years, respectively.

## 10. Related Party Arrangements

### *Unconsolidated Entities*

The Company manages unconsolidated real estate entities for which it receives asset management, property management, development and redevelopment fee revenue. From these entities, the Company received fees of \$1,638 and \$1,444 in the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. These fees are included in management, development and other fees on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Other Comprehensive Income.

### *Director Compensation*

Directors of the Company who are also employees receive no additional compensation for their services as a director. Following each annual meeting of stockholders starting with the 2006 annual meeting, non-employee directors receive (i) a number of shares of restricted stock (or deferred stock awards) having a value of \$100 and (ii) a cash payment of \$40, payable in quarterly installments of \$10. After September 20, 2007, the cash payment increased to \$50, payable in quarterly installments of \$12.5. The value of the restricted stock or deferred stock award will increase to \$125 following the 2008 annual meeting. Until the 2007 annual meeting, the number of shares of restricted stock (or deferred stock awards) was calculated based on the last reported sale price of the common stock on the NYSE on the fifth business day following the prior year's annual meeting. Following the 2007 annual meeting, the number of shares of restricted stock (or deferred stock awards) is calculated based on the closing price on the day of the award. Non-employee directors may elect to receive all or a portion of cash payments in the form of a deferred stock award. In addition, the Lead Independent Director receives an annual fee of \$30 payable in equal monthly installments of \$2.5.

The Company recorded non-employee director compensation expense relating to the restricted stock grants and deferred stock awards in the amount of \$218 for the three months ended March 31, 2008 as a component of general and administrative expense. Deferred compensation relating to these restricted stock grants and deferred stock awards was \$667 and \$766 on March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively.

## 11. Fair Value Measurements

As a basis for applying a market-based approach in fair value measurements, SFAS No. 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between market participant assumptions based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity (observable inputs that are classified within Levels 1 and 2 of the hierarchy) and the reporting entity's own assumptions about market participant assumptions (unobservable inputs classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy).

Level 1 inputs utilize unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 inputs are observable inputs other than Level 1 prices. Level 2 inputs may include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, as well as inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, such as interest rates and yield curves at commonly quoted intervals. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs which are typically based on the Company's assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity. If inputs to the fair value measurement come from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the entire fair value measurement is classified according to the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the asset or liability.

### *Derivative Financial Instruments*

Currently, the Company uses interest rate swap and interest rate cap agreements to manage its interest rate risk. The valuation of these instruments is determined using widely accepted valuation techniques including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs, including interest rate curves and implied volatilities.

To comply with the provisions of SFAS No. 157, the Company incorporates credit valuation adjustments to appropriately reflect both its own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements. In adjusting the fair value of its derivative contracts for the effect of nonperformance risk, the Company has considered the impact of its net position with a given counterparty, as well as any applicable credit enhancements, such as collateral postings, thresholds, mutual puts, and guarantees.

Although the Company has determined that the majority of the inputs used to value its derivatives fall within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, the credit valuation adjustments associated with its derivatives utilize Level 3 inputs, such as estimates of current credit spreads to evaluate the likelihood of default by itself and its counterparties. However, as of March 31, 2008, the Company has assessed the significance of the impact of the credit valuation adjustments on the overall valuation of its derivative positions and has determined it is not significant. As a result, the Company has determined that its derivative valuations are classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. See Note 5, *Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, for derivative values at March 31, 2008.

#### *Other Financial Instruments*

In conjunction with a joint venture agreement, the Company provided our joint venture partner with a redemption option (the *Put*). This *Put* allows our partner to require the Company to purchase their interest in the investment at the future fair market value, payable in cash or, at the Company's option, common equity shares of the Company.

Consistent with the guidance in EITF Topic D-98, *Classification and Measurement of Redeemable Securities*, we classify our obligation under this *Put* as a component of minority interest at fair value, with a corresponding offset of changes in the fair value of the *Put* recorded in accumulated earnings less dividends. The fair value of the *Put* is based on the fair market value of the net assets of the joint venture. The Company calculates the fair value of the *Put* based on unobservable inputs considering the assumptions that market participants would make in pricing this obligation. Accordingly, the valuation of the *Put* is classified in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. At March 31, 2008, the fair value of the *Put* was \$15,666, which represents an unrealized decrease in the fair value of this obligation of \$3,500 for the three month period ended March 31, 2008.

#### 12. Subsequent Events

In April 2008, the Company redeemed \$10,000 aggregate principal amount of its \$150,000, 7.5% medium-term notes due August 2009. The Company recognized a 2.875% premium upon redemption, purchasing the medium-term notes for approximately \$10,288. The Company will record this premium as a charge to earnings in the second quarter of 2008.

In April 2008, the Company obtained a seven year, interest only mortgage loan at an effective interest rate of 5.48% for \$110,600 secured by Avalon Crescent, located in McLean, Virginia. The net carrying value of Avalon Crescent was \$41,225 as of March 31, 2008. The Company used the net proceeds from this financing as well as the two secured financings discussed in Note 3, *Notes Payable, Unsecured Notes and Credit Facility*, to reduce the outstanding amount on the Company's unsecured credit facility.



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

*Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ( MD&A ) is intended to help provide an understanding of our business and results of operations. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this report. This report, including the following MD&A, contains forward-looking statements regarding future events or trends as described more fully under Forward-Looking Statements included in this report. Actual results or developments could differ materially from those projected in such statements as a result of the risk factors described in Item 1a, Risk Factors, of our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.*

### Executive Overview

#### *Business Description*

We are primarily engaged in developing, acquiring, owning and operating apartment communities in high barrier-to-entry markets of the United States. We believe that apartment communities are an attractive long-term investment opportunity compared to other real estate investments because a broad potential resident base should help reduce demand volatility over a real estate cycle. However, throughout the real estate cycle, apartment market fundamentals, and therefore operating cash flows, are affected by overall economic conditions. We seek to create long-term shareholder value by accessing capital on cost effective terms; deploying that capital to develop, redevelop and acquire apartment communities in high barrier-to-entry markets; operating apartment communities; and selling communities when they no longer meet our long-term investment strategy or when pricing is attractive.

Barriers-to-entry in our markets generally include a difficult and lengthy entitlement process with local jurisdictions and dense urban or suburban areas where zoned and entitled land is in limited supply.

We regularly evaluate the allocation of our investments by the amount of invested capital and by product type within our individual markets, which are located in the New England, New York/New Jersey metro, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Pacific Northwest, and Northern and Southern California regions of the United States. Our strategy is to more deeply penetrate these markets with a broad range of products and services and an intense focus on our customer. Our communities are predominately upscale, which generally command among the highest rents in their markets. However, we also pursue the ownership and operation of apartment communities that target a variety of customer segments and price points, consistent with our goal of offering a broad range of products and services.

#### *First Quarter 2008 Highlights*

We continued to experience earnings growth in the first quarter of 2008 despite slowing economic conditions.

Net income available to common stockholders for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 was \$46,275,000, as compared to \$44,345,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2007, an increase of 4.4%. This increase is primarily attributable to growth in income from newly developed and existing communities in the first quarter of 2008.

Our Established Community portfolio (as defined later in this report) experienced a 4.4% increase in net operating income ( NOI ) over the comparable period of 2007, driven by a 4.4% increase in rental revenue partially offset by growth in operating expenses of 4.2%. The rental revenue growth over the comparable period in 2007 is comprised of an increase in rental rates of 4.1% and an increase in occupancy of 0.3%.

In addition to our Established Community year-over-year growth in NOI, our operating results were supported by the growing contribution from communities that are both currently under development as well as those that have recently completed development. We continue to focus on creating value through our development activities and pipeline. We began the construction of one wholly-owned apartment community that, upon completion, is expected to contain 200 apartment homes for a total capitalized cost of \$46,500,000 and have 22 communities under construction with a projected total capital cost upon completion of approximately \$2,209,700,000 at March 31, 2008.

We executed two separate five-year, interest only secured financings for borrowings of approximately \$265,000,000, at a weighted average effective interest rate of 4.78%.

We repurchased 482,100 shares of our common stock through open market transactions under our common stock repurchase program. The shares were repurchased at an average price of \$87.42.

*Financial Outlook*

We expect revenue and NOI growth at our Established Communities to remain positive but to continue to moderate for the remainder of 2008 from the levels achieved over the last few quarters for the remainder of 2008. Our expectation of continued growth in 2008 of NOI for our Established Communities is supported by the apartment demand-supply fundamentals, but tempered by job losses. New demand for rental apartments is supported by an increasing propensity to rent, as reflected in the declining home ownership rate, as well as an increase in the demographic segments of our population with traditionally higher propensities to rent. New rental supply remains modest and the potential amount of new supply from unsold condominiums is less in our markets than in other regions of the country. Our focus on high-barrier to entry markets with constrained supply and favorable demographics has mitigated the impact of the current volatility in the credit and housing markets. These supply constraints limit construction and lessen the impact of an economic slowdown in our markets relative to other areas of the country. The strength of the markets in which we operate has yielded above average employment growth during the first quarter for all but two of our regions, and we expect will allow our markets to continue to achieve greater separation in market performance for the balance of 2008.

We expect our development activity will continue to create long-term value. We currently have approximately \$2,210,000,000 under construction (measured by total projected capitalized cost of the communities at completion). As of March 31, 2008, approximately \$1,411,041,000 of this development had been funded, with \$798,659,000 remaining to be disbursed. For the remainder of 2008, we anticipate our construction activity will remain at or slightly below this level. Given current economic and capital market conditions, we continue to selectively secure new Development Rights, including the acquisition of land for future development. We currently have Development Rights for construction of new apartment communities that would, if developed as expected, total approximately \$3,914,000,000 based on total projected capitalized costs at March 31, 2008. During the first quarter of 2008 we commenced the redevelopment of one community on behalf of the Fund (as defined below). We expect to continue to increase our redevelopment activities in 2008, for both wholly owned and Fund-owned assets. While current market conditions with respect to liquidity may impact the types of funding sources used, we believe that our current level of indebtedness, our current ability to service interest and other fixed charges and our large base of unencumbered assets will provide us with the financial flexibility to access the capital necessary to fund our development and redevelopment activities currently underway. We expect to meet these needs from both secured and unsecured debt, as well as asset sales and retained cash.

AvalonBay Value Added Fund, L.P. (the Fund) is a discretionary investment fund in which we hold a 15% interest. The Fund has been our principal vehicle for acquiring apartment communities, subject to certain exceptions, since its formation in March 2005. As of April 30, 2008, the total amount invested by the Fund is \$784,369,000. Management of the Fund expects to invest approximately \$34,000,000 of additional funds to redevelop the assets acquired. The investment period for the Fund concluded in March 2008. Accordingly, no new acquisitions for the Fund will be considered. We are exploring various potential sources and vehicles for funding future acquisitions.

### Community Information Overview

Our real estate investments consist primarily of current operating apartment communities, communities in various stages of development ( Development Communities ) and Development Rights as defined below. Our current operating communities are further distinguished as Established Communities, Other Stabilized Communities, Lease-Up Communities and Redevelopment Communities. The following is a description of each category:

Current Communities are categorized as Established, Other Stabilized, Lease-Up, or Redevelopment according to the following attributes:

*Established Communities (also known as Same Store Communities)* are consolidated communities where a comparison of operating results from the prior year to the current year is meaningful, as these communities were owned and had stabilized occupancy and operating expenses as of the beginning of the prior year. For the period ended March 31, 2008, the Established Communities are communities that are consolidated for financial reporting purposes, had stabilized occupancy and operating expenses as of January 1, 2007, are not conducting or planning to conduct substantial redevelopment activities and are not held for sale or planned for disposition within the current year. A community is considered to have stabilized occupancy at the earlier of (i) attainment of 95% physical occupancy or (ii) the one-year anniversary of completion of development or redevelopment.

*Other Stabilized Communities* are all other completed communities that we own or have a direct or indirect ownership interest in, and that have stabilized occupancy, as defined above. Other Stabilized Communities do not include communities that are conducting or planning to conduct substantial redevelopment activities within the current year.

*Lease-Up Communities* are communities where construction has been complete for less than one year and where physical occupancy has not reached 95%.

*Redevelopment Communities* are communities where substantial redevelopment is in progress or is planned to begin during the current year. For communities that we wholly own, redevelopment is considered substantial when capital invested during the reconstruction effort is expected to exceed the lesser of \$5,000,000 or 10% of the community's acquisition cost. The definition of substantial redevelopment may differ for communities owned through a joint venture arrangement.

Development Communities are communities that are under construction and for which a certificate of occupancy has not been received. These communities may be partially complete and operating.

Development Rights are development opportunities in the early phase of the development process for which we either have an option to acquire land or enter into a leasehold interest, for which we are the buyer under a long-term conditional contract to purchase land or where we own land to develop a new community. We capitalize related pre-development costs incurred in pursuit of new developments for which we currently believe future development is probable.

In addition, we own approximately 60,000 square feet of office space in Alexandria, Virginia, for our corporate office, with all other regional and administrative offices leased under operating leases.

As of March 31, 2008, communities that we owned or held a direct or indirect interest in were classified as follows:

	Number of communities	Number of apartment homes
<u>Current Communities</u>		
Established Communities:		
New England	23	5,351
Metro NY/NJ	18	5,621
Mid-Atlantic/Midwest	19	6,422
Pacific Northwest	6	1,320
Northern California	22	6,207
Southern California	11	3,430
Total Established	99	28,351
Other Stabilized Communities:		
New England	10	3,181
Metro NY/NJ	10	2,326
Mid-Atlantic/Midwest	11	2,773
Pacific Northwest	5	1,569
Northern California	10	3,051
Southern California	8	1,780
Total Other Stabilized	54	14,680
Redevelopment Communities	8	2,120
Total Current Communities	161	45,151
<u>Development Communities</u>	22	7,016
<u>Development Rights</u>	46	13,266

Results of Operations

Our year-over-year operating performance is primarily affected by individual geographic market conditions and apartment fundamentals as measured by changes in net operating income of our Established Communities; NOI derived from acquisitions and development completions; the loss of NOI related to disposed communities; and capital market and financing activity. A comparison of our operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 follows (dollars in thousands):

	For the three months ended			%
	3-31-08	3-31-07	\$ Change	Change
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Rental and other income	\$ 210,200	\$ 187,171	\$ 23,029	12.3%
Management, development and other fees	1,638	1,444	194	13.4%
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>211,838</b>	<b>188,615</b>	<b>23,223</b>	<b>12.3%</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Direct property operating expenses, excluding property taxes	49,564	44,983	4,581	10.2%
Property taxes	19,850	16,994	2,856	16.8%
<b>Total community operating expenses</b>	<b>69,414</b>	<b>61,977</b>	<b>7,437</b>	<b>12.0%</b>
Corporate-level property management and other indirect operating expenses	10,097	8,439	1,658	19.6%
Investments and investment management	1,719	2,024	(305)	(15.1%)
Interest expense, net	28,005	23,186	4,819	20.8%
Depreciation expense	47,682	42,014	5,668	13.5%
General and administrative expense	8,119	6,780	1,339	19.7%
<b>Total other expenses</b>	<b>95,622</b>	<b>82,443</b>	<b>13,179</b>	<b>16.0%</b>
Equity in income of unconsolidated entities	34	(86)	120	139.5%
Minority interest in consolidated partnerships	(106)	(449)	343	(76.4%)
Gain on sale of land		545	(545)	(100.0%)
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>	<b>46,730</b>	<b>44,205</b>	<b>2,525</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
<b>Discontinued operations:</b>				
Income from discontinued operations	1,720	2,315	(595)	(25.7%)
Gain on sale of communities				N/A
<b>Total discontinued operations</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>2,315</b>	<b>(595)</b>	<b>(25.7%)</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>48,450</b>	<b>46,520</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>4.1%</b>

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Dividends attributable to preferred stock	(2,175)	(2,175)		
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 46,275	\$ 44,345	\$ 1,930	4.4%

*Net income available to common stockholders* increased \$1,930,000 or 4.4%, to \$46,275,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2008 due primarily to contributions to NOI from newly developed communities and growth in net operating income from Established Communities.

*NOI* is considered by management to be an important and appropriate supplemental performance measure to net income because it helps both investors and management to understand the core operations of a community or communities prior to the allocation of any corporate-level or financing-related costs. *NOI* reflects the operating performance of a community and allows for an easy comparison of the operating performance of individual assets or groups of assets. In addition, because prospective buyers of real estate have different financing and overhead structures, with varying marginal impacts to overhead by acquiring real estate, *NOI* is considered by many in the real estate industry to be a useful measure for determining the value of a real estate asset or group of assets. We define *NOI* as total property revenue less direct property operating expenses, including property taxes.

NOI does not represent cash generated from operating activities in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ). Therefore, NOI should not be considered an alternative to net income as an indication of our performance. NOI should also not be considered an alternative to net cash flow from operating activities, as determined by GAAP, as a measure of liquidity, nor is NOI necessarily indicative of cash available to fund cash needs. Reconciliations of NOI for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 to net income for each year, are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	For the three months ended	
	3-31-08	3-31-07
Net income	\$ 48,450	\$ 46,520
Indirect operating expenses, net of corporate income	8,458	6,996
Investments and investment management	1,719	2,024
Interest expense, net	28,005	23,186
General and administrative expense	8,119	6,780
Equity in income of unconsolidated entities	(34)	86
Minority interest in consolidated partnerships	106	449
Depreciation expense	47,682	42,014
Gain on sale of real estate assets		(545)
Income from discontinued operations	(1,720)	(2,315)
Net operating income	\$ 140,785	\$ 125,195

The NOI increases for the three months ended March 31, 2008, as compared to the prior year period, consist of changes in the following categories (dollars in thousands):

	For the three months ended	
	3-31-08	
Established Communities	\$	4,474
Other Stabilized Communities		6,452
Development and Redevelopment Communities		4,664
Total	\$	15,590

The NOI increases in Established Communities in 2008 were largely due to continued favorable but moderating apartment market fundamentals. During the three months ended March 31, 2008, we continued to focus on rental rate growth, while maintaining occupancy of at least 95% in all regions. We anticipate that year over year increases in rental rates and overall rental revenue growth will moderate during the remainder of 2008 as compared to the 4.4% growth achieved in the first quarter of 2008, as we expect reduced job growth (demand) as well as a decline in new rental completions in our markets (supply). Expense growth also impacts growth in NOI and we will continue to monitor and manage operating expenses to constrain expense growth.

*Rental and other income* increased in the three months ended March 31, 2008 as compared to the prior year due to increased rental rates for our Established Communities, coupled with additional rental income generated from newly developed communities.

*Overall Portfolio* The weighted average number of occupied apartment homes increased to 38,350 apartment homes for the three months ended March 31, 2008 as compared to 38,047 homes for the prior year period. This change is primarily the result of increased homes available from newly developed and acquired communities, partially offset by communities sold in 2007. The weighted average monthly revenue per occupied apartment home increased to \$1,826 for the three months ended March 31, 2008 as compared to \$1,709 in the prior year period.



Established Communities Rental revenue increased \$6,551,000, or 4.4%, for the three months ended March 31, 2008 over the prior year period. These increases are due to increased average rental rates and increased economic occupancy. For the three months ended March 31, 2008, the weighted average monthly revenue per occupied apartment home increased 4.1% to \$1,897 compared to \$1,822 in the prior year period, primarily due to increased market rents. The average economic occupancy increased 0.3% to 96.4% for the three months ended March 31, 2008. Economic occupancy takes into account the fact that apartment homes of different sizes and locations within a community have different economic impacts on a community's gross revenue. Economic occupancy is defined as gross potential revenue less vacancy loss, as a percentage of gross potential revenue. Gross potential revenue is determined by valuing occupied homes at leased rates and vacant homes at market rents.

We experienced increases in Established Communities rental revenue in all six of our regions for the three months ended March 31, 2008 as compared to the prior year period. The largest increases in rental revenue were in the Pacific Northwest, Northern California and New England, with increases of 7.9%, 7.7% and 3.5%, respectively, between years. The Metro New York/New Jersey and Northern California regions are the two largest regions and comprise almost half of our Established Community revenue, and therefore are discussed in more detail below.

Northern California, which represented approximately 21.9% of Established Community rental revenue during the three months ended March 31, 2008, experienced an increase in rental revenue of 7.7% as compared to the prior year period. Average rental rates increased by 7.6% to \$1,888, and economic occupancy increased 0.1% to 97.1% for the three months ended March 31, 2008. Apartment fundamentals remain strong in Northern California. We expect Northern California to see continued but moderating revenue growth during the remainder of 2008, with growth levels in excess of those expected in other markets in the United States.

The Metro New York/New Jersey region, which accounted for approximately 24.2% of Established Community rental revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2008, experienced an increase in rental revenue of 3.3% for the three months ended March 31, 2008 as compared to the prior year period. Average rental rates increased 3.6% to \$2,321, and economic occupancy decreased 0.3% to 96.1% for the three months ended March 31, 2008. Through the first quarter of 2008, job growth remained positive in New York and rental market conditions remained healthy in both New York City and surrounding suburban markets. Despite layoff announcements by major banks and other financial institutions, reported securities industry job losses have been nominal. However, we are watchful for changing in market conditions and the potential that actual job losses may accelerate during the second half of 2008. We will monitor these and other variables that may impact rental revenue during the second half of 2008 and first half of 2009, and will respond with pricing adjustments to optimize revenues.

In accordance with GAAP, cash concessions are amortized as an offset to rental revenue over the approximate lease term, which is generally one year. As a supplemental measure, we also present rental revenue with concessions stated on a cash basis to help investors evaluate the impact of both current and historical concessions on GAAP based rental revenue and to more readily enable comparisons to revenue as reported by other companies. Rental revenue with concessions stated on a cash basis also allows investors to understand historical trends in cash concessions, as well as current rental market conditions.

The following table reconciles total rental revenue in conformity with GAAP to total rental revenue adjusted to state concessions on a cash basis for our Established Communities for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 (dollars in thousands).

	For the three months ended	
	3-31-08	3-31-07
Rental revenue (GAAP basis)	\$ 155,561	\$ 149,010
Concessions amortized	1,357	1,328
Concessions granted	(1,144)	(1,313)
Rental revenue adjusted to state concessions on a cash basis	\$ 155,774	\$ 149,025
Year-over-year % change GAAP revenue	4.4%	n/a
Year-over-year % change cash concession based revenue	4.5%	n/a

*Management, development and other fees* increased \$194,000, or 13.4% for the three months ended March 31, 2008. The increase was due primarily to increased property management fees from the Fund, as additional communities were acquired.

*Direct property operating expenses, excluding property taxes* increased \$4,581,000 or 10.2% for the three months ended March 31, 2008 as compared to the prior year period, primarily due to the addition of recently developed and acquired apartment homes coupled with expense growth in our Established Communities.

For Established Communities, direct property operating expenses, excluding property taxes, increased \$156,000, or 0.5% to \$33,991,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2008, due primarily to higher maintenance, office and administrative and redecorating costs offset by decreases in insurance and utility expenses.

*Property taxes* increased \$2,856,000 or 16.8% for the three months ended March 31, 2008, due to overall higher assessments and the addition of newly developed and redeveloped apartment homes. Property taxes are impacted by the size and timing of successful tax appeals in both years.

For Established Communities, property taxes increased by \$1,810,000, or 13.4% for the three months ended March 31, 2008 due to both higher assessments throughout all regions and reductions in property taxes realized in 2007 that have not occurred in 2008. Year over year changes are impacted by the size and timing of successful tax appeals. Overall, we expect property taxes in 2008 to continue to increase from 2007 levels due to increased valuations but at a more moderate rate of growth than that experienced in the first quarter of 2008. However, property tax increases are limited by law (Proposition 13) for communities in California. We evaluate property tax increases internally, as well as engage third-party consultants, and appeal increases when appropriate.

*Corporate-level property management and other indirect operating expenses* increased by \$1,658,000, or 19.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2008 over the prior year period due primarily to increased costs relating to corporate initiatives focused on increasing efficiency and enhancing controls at our operating communities, coupled with increased compensation and relocation costs. The 2008 expense includes the set up and ongoing costs related to our Customer Care Center in Virginia Beach, Virginia that we opened in the third quarter of 2007. This office is being used to centralize certain community-related accounting, administrative and customer service functions. The transition is expected to continue through the end of 2008.

*Investments and investment management* reflects the costs incurred for investment acquisitions, investment management and abandoned pursuit costs, which include costs incurred for development pursuits not yet considered probable for development, as well as the abandonment or impairment of development pursuits, acquisition pursuits and disposition pursuits. Investments and investment management costs decreased during the three months ended March 31, 2008 compared to the prior year period due primarily to decreased abandoned pursuit costs. Abandoned pursuit costs can be volatile, and the costs incurred in any given period may vary significantly in future periods.

*Interest expense, net* increased \$4,819,000 or 20.8% for the three months ended March 31, 2008 due primarily to a decrease in interest income in the three months ended March 31, 2008 as compared to the prior year period. The higher level of interest income in the three months ended March 31, 2007 is due to higher invested cash balances from our January 2007 equity offering during that period as well as higher yields on invested cash during the first quarter of 2007.

*Depreciation expense* increased \$5,668,000 or 13.5% for the three months ended March 31, 2008 primarily due to the completion of development and redevelopment activities.

*General and administrative expense ( G&A )* increased \$1,339,000 or 19.7% for the three months ended March 31, 2008 primarily due to increased compensation and office and administrative costs.

*Gain on sale of land* for the three months ended March 31, 2008 decreased from the prior year period due to the absence of land sales in the first quarter of 2008.

*Equity in income of unconsolidated entities* for the three months ended March 31, 2008 increased from the prior year period due primarily to income from joint ventures where the underlying communities have achieved stabilized operations, gains from our investment in a joint venture formed to develop for sale homes, offset by the sale of a partnership interest in a joint venture in the fourth quarter of 2007.

*Minority interest in consolidated partnerships* decreased for the three months ended March 31, 2008 as compared to the prior year period due to the conversion and redemption of limited partnership units in 2007, thereby reducing outside ownership interests and the allocation of net income to outside ownership interests.

*Income from discontinued operations* represents the net income generated by communities sold or qualifying as discontinued operations during the period from January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008. This income decreased for the three months ended March 31, 2008 due to fewer communities sold or classified as discontinued operations. See Note 7, Real Estate Disposition Activities, of our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

***Funds from Operations Attributable to Common Stockholders ( FFO )***

FFO is considered by management to be an appropriate supplemental measure of our operating and financial performance. In calculating FFO, we exclude gains or losses related to dispositions of previously depreciated property and exclude real estate depreciation, which can vary among owners of identical assets in similar condition based on historical cost accounting and useful life estimates. FFO can help one compare the operating performance of a real estate company between periods or as compared to different companies. We believe that in order to understand our operating results, FFO should be examined with net income as presented in our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this report.

Consistent with the definition adopted by the Board of Governors of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts<sup>â</sup> ( NAREIT ), we calculate FFO as net income or loss computed in accordance with GAAP, adjusted for:

gains or losses on sales of previously depreciated operating communities;

extraordinary gains or losses (as defined by GAAP);

depreciation of real estate assets; and

adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures.

FFO does not represent net income in accordance with GAAP, and therefore it should not be considered an alternative to net income, which remains the primary measure as an indication of our performance. In addition, FFO as calculated by other REITs may not be comparable to our calculation of FFO.

The following is a reconciliation of net income to FFO (dollars in thousands, except per share data):

	For the three months ended	
	3-31-08	3-31-07
Net income	\$ 48,450	\$ 46,520
Dividends attributable to preferred stock	(2,175)	(2,175)
Depreciation real estate assets, including discontinued operations and joint venture adjustments	49,785	44,685
Minority interest expense, including discontinued operations	57	88
Gain on sale of operating communities		
Funds from operations attributable to common stockholders	\$ 96,117	\$ 89,118
Weighted average common shares outstanding diluted	77,440,892	79,930,748
EPS per common share diluted	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.56

FFO per common share	diluted	\$	1.24	\$	1.11
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FFO also does not represent cash generated from operating activities in accordance with GAAP, and therefore should not be considered an alternative to net cash flows from operating activities, as determined by GAAP, as a measure of liquidity. Additionally, it is not necessarily indicative of cash available to fund cash needs.

A presentation of GAAP based cash flow metrics is as follows (dollars in thousands) and a discussion of Liquidity and Capital Resources can be found below.

	For the three months ended	
	3-31-08	3-31-07
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 19,577	\$ 99,188
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (156,945)	\$ (285,266)
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$ 386,522	\$ 533,946

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Factors affecting our liquidity and capital resources are our cash flows from operations, financing activities and investing activities, as well as general economic and market conditions. Operating cash flow has historically been determined by: (i) the number of apartment homes currently owned, (ii) rental rates, (iii) occupancy levels and (iv) operating expenses with respect to apartment homes. The timing, source and amount of cash flows provided by financing activities and used in investing activities are sensitive to the capital markets environment, particularly to changes in interest rates. The timing and type of capital markets activity in which we engage, as well as our plans for development, redevelopment, acquisition and disposition activity, are affected by changes in the capital markets environment, such as changes in interest rates or the availability of cost-effective capital.

We regularly review our liquidity needs, the adequacy of cash flows from operations, and other expected liquidity sources to meet these needs. We believe our principal short-term liquidity needs are to fund:

normal recurring operating expenses;

debt service and maturity payments;

preferred stock dividends and DownREIT partnership unit distributions;

the minimum dividend payments on our common stock required to maintain our REIT qualification under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

development and redevelopment activity in which we are currently engaged; and

capital calls for the Fund, as required.

We have traditionally accessed the unsecured debt markets to meet a significant portion of our liquidity needs. Because market terms and rates for unsecured debt are not as attractive as those available in the secured debt markets, we have recently chosen to take advantage of secured debt in meeting our liquidity needs. During the first quarter of 2008 the Company executed two separate five-year, interest only mortgage loans for an aggregate borrowing of approximately \$264,697,000 at a weighted average effective interest rate of 4.78%. One mortgage loan for approximately \$170,125,000 is secured by Avalon at Arlington Square, located in Arlington, Virginia. The second mortgage loan, for approximately \$94,572,000 is secured by Avalon at Cameron Court, located in Alexandria, Virginia. In addition, in April 2008, we executed a seven-year, interest only mortgage loan, borrowing approximately \$110,600,000 at an effective interest rate of 5.48% secured by Avalon Crescent, located in McLean, Virginia. Although general market liquidity is constrained, we anticipate that we can satisfy our expected liquidity needs from a combination of cash flow provided by operating activities, proceeds from asset dispositions and borrowing capacity under our variable rate unsecured credit facility, as well as secured financings and other public or private sources of

liquidity.

Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$270,320,000 at March 31, 2008, an increase of \$249,154,000 from \$21,166,000 at December 31, 2007. The following discussion relates to changes in cash due to operating, investing and financing activities, which are presented in our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows included elsewhere in this report.

**Operating Activities** Net cash provided by operating activities decreased to \$19,577,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2008 from \$99,188,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2007. The decrease was driven primarily by an increase in prepaid rent associated with certain development communities, payment of interest amounts and general corporate payables, partially offset by the additional NOI from our Established Communities operations, as well as NOI from recently developed communities.

**Investing Activities** Net cash used in investing activities of \$156,945,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2008 related to investments in assets through the development and redevelopment of apartment communities. During the three months ended March 31, 2008, we invested \$210,173,000 in the purchase and development of the following real estate and capital expenditures:

We acquired two parcels of land in connection with Development Rights, for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$26,925,000.

We had capital expenditures of \$2,041,000 for real estate and non-real estate assets.

We invested approximately \$166,486,000 in the development of communities, including the commencement of the development of one community which is expected to contain a total of 200 apartment homes for an expected aggregate total capital cost of \$46,500,000.

**Financing Activities** Net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$386,522,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2008. The net cash inflow is due primarily to borrowings of \$284,000,000 under our unsecured credit facility and the issuance of two secured mortgage notes for approximately \$264,697,000, offset by the repurchase of 482,100 shares of our common stock at an average price of \$87.42 per share, the repayment of unsecured notes at maturity of approximately \$50,000,000 and dividend payments of \$67,760,000.

*Variable Rate Unsecured Credit Facility*

We currently have a \$1,000,000,000 revolving variable rate unsecured credit facility with a syndicate of commercial banks, to whom we pay, in the aggregate, an annual facility fee of approximately \$1,250,000. The unsecured credit facility bears interest at varying levels based on the London Interbank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ), our credit rating and on a maturity schedule selected by us. The current stated pricing is LIBOR plus 0.40% per annum (3.20% on April 30, 2008). The spread over LIBOR can vary from LIBOR plus 0.325% to LIBOR plus 1.00% based on our credit rating. In addition, a competitive bid option is available for borrowings of up to \$422,500,000. This option allows banks that are part of the lender consortium to bid to provide us loans at a rate that is lower than the stated pricing provided by the unsecured credit facility. The competitive bid option may result in lower pricing if market conditions allow. We had no outstanding balance under this competitive bid option at April 30, 2008. We are subject to and currently in compliance with certain customary covenants under the unsecured credit facility, including, but not limited to, maintaining certain maximum leverage ratios, a minimum fixed charges coverage ratio and minimum unencumbered assets and equity levels. The credit facility matures in November 2011, assuming our exercise of a one-year renewal option. During April 2008, we used the net proceeds from the three secured financings done in March and April 2008 to reduce the outstanding amount on the Company's unsecured credit facility. At April 30, 2008, \$520,500,000 was outstanding on the credit facility, \$65,659,000 was used to provide letters of credit and \$413,841,000 was available for borrowing under the unsecured credit facility.



*Future Financing and Capital Needs Debt Maturities*

One of our principal long-term liquidity needs is the repayment of long-term debt at the time that such debt matures. For unsecured notes, we anticipate that no significant portion of the principal of these notes will be repaid prior to maturity. If we do not have funds on hand sufficient to repay our indebtedness as it becomes due, it will be necessary for us to refinance the debt. This refinancing may be accomplished by uncollateralized private or public debt offerings, additional debt financing that is collateralized by mortgages on individual communities or groups of communities, draws on our unsecured credit facility or by equity offerings. Although we believe we will have the capacity to meet our currently anticipated liquidity needs, we cannot assure you that additional debt financing or debt or equity offerings will be available or, if available, that they will be on terms we consider satisfactory.

The following financing activity occurred during the three months ended March 31, 2008:

we repaid \$50,000,000 in 6.625% of previously issued medium-term notes, along with any unpaid interest, pursuant to their scheduled maturity;

we borrowed \$170,125,000 under an interest-only mortgage note secured by Avalon at Arlington Square, located in Arlington, Virginia at an effective rate of 4.69% for five years;

we borrowed \$94,572,000 under an interest-only mortgage note secured by Avalon at Cameron Court, located in Alexandria, Virginia at an effective rate of 4.95% for five years;

we borrowed \$284,000,000 under our unsecured credit facility; and

we repurchased 482,100 shares of our common stock at an average price of \$87.42 per share, for a total approximate purchase price of \$42,144,000.

In February 2008, the Board of Directors authorized an increase of \$200,000,000 in our common stock repurchase program, increasing the total amount the Company can acquire to \$500,000,000, of which approximately \$300,000,000 has been used to repurchase our common stock as of March 31, 2008. The decision to use the additional share repurchase authorization will depend on current capital market conditions and liquidity, our share price relative to the net asset value per share and other uses of capital, including development.

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The table below details debt maturities for the next five years, excluding our unsecured credit facility and amounts outstanding related to communities classified as held for sale, for debt outstanding at March 31, 2008 (dollars in thousands, except footnotes).

Community	All-In interest rate (1)	Principal maturity date	Balance outstanding		Scheduled maturities					
			12-31-07	3-31-08	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Thereafter
<b>Community mortgage bonds</b>										
Brook	6.30%	Mar-2012	\$ 15,356	\$ 15,191	\$ 511	\$ 719	\$ 766	\$ 816	\$ 12,379	\$
at Symphony Glen	4.90%	Jul-2024	9,780	9,780						
at Lexington	6.55%	Feb-2025	12,078	11,977	312	439	466	495	526	
Campbell	6.48%	Jun-2025	31,877	31,643(2)						
Pacifica	6.48%	Jun-2025	14,460	14,353(2)						
Knoll	6.95%	Jun-2026	11,654	11,576	245	347	371	398	426	
Landing	6.85%	Jun-2026	5,751	5,712	123	173	185	198	212	
Fields	7.55%	May-2027	10,224	10,182	194	275	295	316	339	
Oaks	7.45%	Jul-2041	17,077	17,044	103	147	157	168	180	
Oaks West	7.48%	Apr-2043	16,919	16,889	94	133	142	152	162	
at Chestnut Hill	5.82%	Oct-2047	42,149	42,072	237	331	349	368	388	
			187,325	186,419	1,819	2,564	2,731	2,911	14,612	1
<b>Community mortgage bonds (3)</b>										
menade	3.58%	Oct-2010	30,844	30,844	701	755	29,388			
ord	2.27%	Jul-2014	33,100	33,100(4)						
at Mountain View	2.27%	Feb-2017	18,300	18,300(4)						
at Mission Viejo	2.68%	Jun-2025	7,635	7,635(4)						
at Nob Hill	2.27%	Jun-2025	20,800	20,800(4)						
Campbell	2.32%	Jun-2025	6,923	7,157(2)						
Pacifica	2.32%	Jun-2025	3,140	3,247(2)						
at Fairway Hills I	2.88%	Jun-2026	11,500	11,500						
Bowery Place I	2.02%	Nov-2037	93,800	93,800(5)	396	576	636	703	777	
Bowery Place II	2.35%	Nov-2039	48,500	48,500(5)			270	298	329	
Acton	2.98%	Jul-2040	45,000	45,000(5)						
Morningside Park	8.07%	Nov-2040	100,000	100,000(5)			138	302	340	
			419,542	419,883	1,097	1,331	30,432	1,303	1,446	3
<b>Community mortgage loans (6)</b>										
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million unsecured	6.63%	Jan-2008	50,000	\$ (7)						
million unsecured	8.38%	Jul-2008	146,000	146,000	146,000					
million unsecured	7.63%	Aug-2009	150,000	150,000		150,000(8)				
million unsecured	7.66%	Dec-2010	200,000	200,000			200,000			

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Million unsecured	6.79%	Sep-2011	300,000	300,000				300,000		
Million unsecured	6.31%	Sep-2011	50,000	50,000				50,000		
Million unsecured	5.73%	Jan-2012	250,000	250,000					250,000	
Million unsecured	6.26%	Nov-2012	250,000	250,000					250,000	
Million unsecured	5.11%	Mar-2013	100,000	100,000						1
Million unsecured	5.52%	Apr-2014	150,000	150,000						1
Million unsecured	5.89%	Sep-2016	250,000	250,000						2
in Development	6.99%	Oct-2008	4,432	4,410	4,410					
senhower Avenue	8.08%	Apr-2009	4,293	4,264	89	4,175				
at Twinbrook	7.25%	Oct-2011	8,007	7,957	157	222	239	7,339		
at Tysons West	5.55%	Jul-2028	6,381	6,339	122	173	183	193	204	
Orchards	7.65%	Jul-2033	19,612	19,541	220	311	333	357	382	
at Arlington	4.69%	Apr-2013		170,125						1
at Cameron Court	4.95%	Apr-2013		94,572						
			1,938,725	2,153,208	150,998	154,881	200,755	357,889	500,586	7
<b>Weighted average rate (3)</b>										
Ledges	5.08%	May-2009	17,990	17,770(4)	519	17,251				
at Flanders Hill	5.08%	May-2009	20,510	20,255(4)	592	19,663				
at Newton										
lands	5.02%	Dec-2009	36,335	35,995(4)	1,054	34,941				
at Crane Brook	4.99%	Mar-2011	32,560	32,225(4)	790	1,026	1,169	29,240		
at Bedford Center	5.02%	May-2012	16,816	16,706(4)	354	501	527	560	14,764	
			124,211	122,951	3,309	73,382	1,696	29,800	14,764	
<b>Indebtedness</b>										
<b>Long unsecured</b>										
<b>Capacity</b>			\$ 2,669,803	\$ 2,882,461	\$ 157,223	\$ 232,158	\$ 235,614	\$ 391,903	\$ 531,408	\$ 1,3

(1) Includes credit enhancement fees, facility fees, trustees fees and other fees.

(2) Financed by variable rate, tax-exempt

debt, but the interest rate on a portion of this debt is effectively fixed at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 through a swap agreement. The portion of the debt fixed through a swap agreement decreases (and therefore the variable portion of the debt increases) monthly as payments are made to a principal reserve fund.

- (3) Variable rates are given as of March 31, 2008.
- (4) Financed by variable rate debt, but interest rate is capped through an interest rate protection agreement.
- (5) Represents full amount of the debt as of March 31, 2008. Actual amounts drawn on the debt as of March 31, 2008 are \$92,156 for Bowery Place I, \$39,186 for Bowery Place

II, \$33,209 for Avalon Acton and \$28,632 for Morningside Park.

- (6) Balances outstanding represent total amounts due at maturity, and are not net of \$2,395 of debt discount as of March 31, 2008 and \$2,501 of debt discount as of December 31, 2007, as reflected in unsecured notes on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets included elsewhere in this report.
- (7) These notes were repaid at their scheduled maturity in January 2008.
- (8) In April 2008, we redeemed \$10,000 aggregate principal amount of our \$150,000 7.5% medium-term notes due in August 2009.

*Future Financing and Capital Needs Portfolio and Other Activity*

As of March 31, 2008, we had 22 new communities under construction, for which a total estimated cost of \$798,659,000 remained to be invested. In addition, we had eight communities which we own, or in which we have a direct or indirect interest, under reconstruction, for which a total estimated cost of \$46,866,000 remained to be invested. Substantially all of the capital expenditures necessary to complete the communities currently under construction and reconstruction, as well as development costs related to pursuing Development Rights, will be funded from:

cash currently on hand invested in highly liquid overnight money market funds and repurchase agreements, and short-term investment vehicles;

the remaining capacity under our current \$1,000,000,000 unsecured credit facility;

the net proceeds from sales of existing communities;

retained operating cash;

the issuance of debt or equity securities; and/or

private equity funding.

Before planned reconstruction activity, including reconstruction activity related to communities acquired by the Fund as discussed below, or the construction of a Development Right begins, we intend to arrange adequate financing to complete these undertakings, although we cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain such financing. In the event that financing cannot be obtained, we may have to abandon Development Rights, write-off associated pre-development costs that were capitalized and/or forego reconstruction activity. In such instances, we will not realize the increased revenues and earnings that we expected from such Development Rights or reconstruction activity and significant losses could be incurred.

We have invested in the Fund, a private, discretionary investment vehicle that acquires and operates apartment communities in our markets. The Fund has invested \$782,066,000 as of March 31, 2008. Management of the Fund expects to invest approximately \$36,000,000 of additional funds to redevelop the assets acquired. The Fund has nine institutional investors, including us, with a combined capital equity commitment of \$330,000,000. A significant portion of the investments made in the Fund by its investors have been made through AvalonBay Value Added Fund, Inc., a Maryland corporation that qualifies as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code (the Fund REIT). A wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company is the general partner of the Fund and has committed \$50,000,000 to the Fund and the Fund REIT (of which approximately \$47,944,000 has been invested as of April 30, 2008) representing a 15.2% combined general partner and limited partner equity interest. The investment period for the Fund concluded in March 2008. Accordingly no new acquisitions for the Fund will be considered. We are exploring various potential sources for funding future acquisitions.

From time to time we use joint ventures to hold or develop individual real estate assets. We generally employ joint ventures primarily to mitigate asset concentration or market risk and secondarily as a source of liquidity. We may also use joint ventures related to mixed-use land development opportunities where our partners bring development and operational expertise to the venture. Each joint venture or partnership agreement has been and will continue to be individually negotiated, and our ability to operate and/or dispose of a community in our sole discretion may be limited to varying degrees depending on the terms of the joint venture or partnership agreement. We cannot assure you that we will achieve our objectives through joint ventures.

In evaluating our allocation of capital within our markets, we sell assets that do not meet our long-term investment criteria or when capital and real estate markets allow us to realize a portion of the value created over the past business cycle and redeploy the proceeds from those sales to develop and redevelop communities. Because the proceeds from the sale of communities may not be immediately redeployed into revenue generating assets, the immediate effect of a sale of a community for a gain is to increase net income, but reduce future total revenues, total expenses and NOI. However, we believe that the absence of future cash flows from communities sold will have a minimal impact on our ability to fund future liquidity and capital resource needs.

#### Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

In addition to the investment interests in consolidated and unconsolidated real estate entities, we have certain off-balance sheet arrangements with the entities in which we invest. Additional discussion of these entities can be found in Note 6, Investments in Real Estate Entities, of our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements located elsewhere in this report.

CVP I, LLC has outstanding tax-exempt, variable rate bonds maturing in November 2036 in the amount of \$117,000,000, which have permanent credit enhancement. We have agreed to guarantee, under limited circumstances, the repayment to the credit enhancer of any advances it may make in fulfillment of CVP I, LLC's repayment obligations under the bonds. We have also guaranteed to the credit enhancer that CVP I, LLC will obtain a final certificate of occupancy for the project (Chrystie Place in New York City) overall once tenant improvements related to a retail tenant are complete, which is expected in the first half of 2008. Our 80% partner in this venture has agreed that it will reimburse us its pro rata share of any amounts paid relative to these guaranteed obligations. The estimated fair value of, and our obligation under these guarantees, both at inception and as of March 31, 2008 were not significant. As a result we have not recorded any obligation associated with these guarantees at March 31, 2008.

The Fund has 23 loans secured by individual assets with amounts outstanding in the aggregate of \$470,208,000. These mortgage loans have varying maturity dates (or dates after which the loans can be prepaid), ranging from October 2011 to September 2016. These mortgage loans are secured by the underlying real estate. The Fund has two credit facilities that mature in December 2008. The Fund did not have any amounts outstanding as of March 31, 2008 under its credit facilities. The mortgage loans and the credit facility are payable by the Fund with operating cash flow from the underlying real estate, and the credit facility is secured by capital commitments. We have not guaranteed the debt of the Fund, nor do we have any obligation to fund this debt should the Fund be unable to do so.

In addition, as part of the formation of the Fund, we have provided to one of the limited partners a guarantee. The guarantee provides that if, upon final liquidation of the Fund, the total amount of all distributions to that partner during the life of the Fund (whether from operating cash flow or property sales) does not equal a minimum of the total capital contributions made by that partner, then we will pay the partner an amount equal to the shortfall, but in no event more than 10% of the total capital contributions made by the partner (maximum of approximately \$7,192,000 as of March 31, 2008). As of March 31, 2008, the fair value of the real estate assets owned by the Fund is considered adequate to cover such potential payment to that partner under a liquidation scenario. The estimated fair value of, and our obligation under this guarantee, both at inception and as of March 31, 2008 was not significant and therefore we have not recorded any obligation for this guarantee as of March 31, 2008.

In connection with the pursuit of a development right in Pleasant Hill, California, \$125,000,000 in bond financing was issued by the Contra Costa County Redevelopment Agency (the Agency) in connection with the possible future construction of a multifamily rental community by PHVP I, LLC. The bond proceeds were immediately invested in their entirety in a guaranteed investment contract (GIC) administered by a trustee. This development right is planned as a mixed-use development, with residential, for-sale, retail and office components. The bond proceeds will remain in the GIC until the third quarter of 2008, at which time a loan

will be made to PHVP I, LLC to fund construction of the multifamily portion of the development, or the bonds will be redeemed by the Agency. Although we do not have any equity or economic interest in PHVP I, LLC at this time, we do have an option to make a capital contribution to PHVP I, LLC in exchange for a 99% general partner interest in the entity. Should we decide not to exercise this option, bond proceeds will be released from escrow, the bonds will be redeemed without penalty and a loan will not be made to PHVP I, LLC. The bonds are payable from the proceeds of the GIC and are non-recourse to both PHVP I, LLC and to us. There is no loan payable outstanding by PHVP I, LLC as of March 31, 2008.



In addition, as part of providing construction management services to PHVP I, LLC for the construction of a public garage, we have provided a construction completion guarantee to the related lender in order to fulfill their standard financing requirements related to the garage construction financing. Our obligations under this guarantee will terminate following construction completion of the garage once all of the lender's standard completion requirements have been satisfied, which we currently expect to occur in the first half of 2008. In the third quarter of 2006, significant modifications were requested by the local transit authority to change the garage structure design. We do not believe that the requested design changes impact the construction schedule. However, it is expected that these changes will increase the original budget by an amount up to \$5,000,000. We believe that substantially all potential additional amounts are reimbursable from unrelated third parties. At this time we do not believe that it is probable that we will incur any additional costs. The estimated fair value of, and our obligation under this guarantee, both at inception and as of March 31, 2008 was not significant and therefore we have not recorded any obligation for this guarantee as of March 31, 2008.

There are no other lines of credit, side agreements, financial guarantees or any other derivative financial instruments related to or between our unconsolidated real estate entities and us. In evaluating our capital structure and overall leverage, management takes into consideration our proportionate share of this unconsolidated debt.

#### Contractual Obligations

We currently have contractual obligations consisting primarily of long-term debt obligations and lease obligations for certain land parcels and regional and administrative office space. There have not been any material changes outside the ordinary course of business to our contractual obligations during the three months ended March 31, 2008.

#### Development Communities

As of March 31, 2008, we had 22 Development Communities under construction. We expect these Development Communities, when completed, to add a total of 7,016 apartment homes to our portfolio for a total capitalized cost, including land acquisition costs, of approximately \$2,210,000,000. You should carefully review Item 1a., Risk Factors, of our Form 10-K for a discussion of the risks associated with development activity.

The following table presents a summary of the Development Communities. We hold a direct or indirect fee simple ownership interest in these communities except as may be noted.

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	Number of apartment homes	Total capitalized cost (1) (\$ millions)	Construction start	Initial occupancy (2)	Estimated completion	Estimated stabilization (3)
1. Avalon Riverview North <i>New York, NY</i>	602	\$ 174.6	Q3 2005	Q3 2007	Q2 2008	Q2 2008
2. Avalon Danvers <i>Danvers, MA</i>	433	84.8	Q4 2005	Q1 2007	Q3 2008	Q1 2009
3. Avalon on the Sound II <i>New Rochelle, NY</i>	588	180.5	Q1 2006	Q2 2007	Q2 2008	Q4 2008
4. Avalon Meydenbauer <i>Bellevue, WA</i>	368	87.3	Q1 2006	Q1 2008	Q3 2008	Q1 2009
5. Avalon at Dublin Station I <i>Dublin, CA</i>	305	85.8	Q2 2006	Q4 2007	Q2 2008	Q4 2008
6. Avalon at Lexington Hills <i>Lexington, MA</i>	387	86.2	Q2 2006	Q2 2007	Q3 2008	Q1 2009
7. Avalon Encino <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>	131	61.5	Q3 2006	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q2 2009
8. Avalon Warner Place <i>Canoga Park, CA</i>	210	53.9	Q4 2006	Q1 2008	Q3 2008	Q1 2009
9. Avalon Acton (4) <i>Acton, MA</i>	380	68.8	Q4 2006	Q4 2007	Q4 2008	Q2 2009
10. Avalon Morningside Park (4) <i>New York, NY</i>	296	125.5	Q1 2007	Q2 2008	Q1 2009	Q3 2009
11. Avalon White Plains <i>White Plains, NY</i>	393	154.5	Q2 2007	Q3 2008	Q4 2009	Q2 2010
12. Avalon at Tinton Falls <i>Tinton Falls, NJ</i>	216	41.2	Q2 2007	Q2 2008	Q4 2008	Q2 2009
13. Avalon Fashion Valley <i>San Diego, CA</i>	161	64.7	Q2 2007	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q2 2009
14. Avalon Anaheim Stadium <i>Anaheim, CA</i>	251	102.7	Q2 2007	Q1 2009	Q3 2009	Q1 2010
15. Avalon Union City <i>Union City, CA</i>	438	125.2	Q3 2007	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q1 2010
16. Avalon at the Hingham Shipyard <i>Hingham, MA</i>	235	52.7	Q3 2007	Q3 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009
17. Avalon Sharon <i>Sharon, MA</i>	156	30.7	Q3 2007	Q2 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009
18. Avalon Huntington <i>Shelton, CT</i>	99	26.1	Q4 2007	Q4 2008	Q2 2009	Q3 2009

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19. Avalon at Mission Bay North III <i>San Francisco, CA</i>	260	157.8	Q4 2007	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Q2 2010
20. Avalon Jamboree Village <i>Irvine, CA</i>	279	78.3	Q4 2007	Q2 2009	Q4 2009	Q2 2010
21. Avalon Fort Greene <i>New York, NY</i>	628	320.4	Q4 2007	Q3 2009	Q3 2010	Q1 2011
22. Avalon Charles Pond <i>Corham, NY</i>	200	46.5	Q1 2008	Q4 2008	Q2 2009	Q4 2009
Total	7,016	\$ 2,209.7				

(1) Total capitalized cost includes all capitalized costs projected to be or actually incurred to develop the respective Development Community, determined in accordance with GAAP, including land acquisition costs, construction costs, real estate taxes, capitalized interest and loan fees, permits, professional fees, allocated development overhead and other regulatory fees. Total capitalized cost for communities identified as having joint venture ownership, either during construction or upon

construction completion, represents the total projected joint venture contribution amount.

- (2) Future initial occupancy dates are estimates. There can be no assurance that we will pursue to completion any or all of these proposed developments.
- (3) Stabilized operations is defined as the earlier of
  - (i) attainment of 95% or greater physical occupancy or
  - (ii) the one-year anniversary of completion of development.
- (4) This community is being financed in part by third party, tax-exempt debt.

Redevelopment Communities

As of March 31, 2008, we had five consolidated communities under redevelopment. We expect the total capitalized cost to redevelop these communities to be \$65,000,000, excluding costs incurred prior to redevelopment. In addition, the Fund has three communities under redevelopment. We have found that the cost and time schedule to redevelop an existing apartment community is more difficult to budget and estimate than the cost to develop a new community. Accordingly, we expect that actual costs may vary from our budget by a wider range than for a new development community. We cannot assure you that we will meet our budget or schedule for reconstruction completion or restabilized operations, either individually or in the aggregate. We anticipate increasing our redevelopment activity related to Fund-owned communities, as well as communities in our current operating portfolio. You should carefully review Item 1a., Risk Factors, of our Form 10-K for a discussion of the risks associated with redevelopment activity. The following presents a summary of these Redevelopment Communities:

	Number of apartment homes	Pre-redevelopment cost	Total (\$ millions) capitalized cost (1)	Reconstruction start	Estimated reconstruction completion	Estimated restabilized operations (2)
<b>Consolidated Communities</b>						
1. Avalon at AutumnWoods <i>Fairfax, VA</i>	420	\$ 31.2	\$ 38.3	Q3 2006	Q2 2008	Q4 2008
2. Essex Place <i>Peabody, MA</i>	286	23.7	34.5	Q3 2007	Q2 2009	Q4 2009
3. Avalon Redmond Place <i>Redmond, WA</i>	222	26.3	31.3	Q3 2007	Q4 2008	Q2 2009
4. Avalon Woodland Hills <i>Woodland Hills, CA</i>	663	72.1	109.3	Q4 2007	Q1 2010	Q3 2010
5. Avalon at Diamond Heights <i>San Francisco, CA</i>	154	25.3	30.2	Q4 2007	Q4 2010	Q2 2011
Subtotal	1,745	\$ 178.6	\$ 243.6			
<b>Fund Communities</b>						
1. Avalon Paseo Place <i>Fremont, CA</i>	134	19.8	25.5	Q2 2007	Q2 2008	Q2 2008
2. Avalon Cedar Place <i>Columbia, MD</i>	156	21.0	25.0	Q3 2007	Q4 2008	Q2 2009
3. South Hills Apartments <i>West Covina, CA</i>	85	20.9	25.3	Q1 2008	Q4 2008	Q2 2009
Subtotal	375	\$ 61.7	\$ 75.8			
Total	2,120	\$ 240.3	\$ 319.4			

- (1) Total capitalized cost includes all capitalized costs projected to be or actually incurred to develop the respective Redevelopment Community, including land acquisition costs, construction costs, real estate taxes, capitalized interest and loan fees, permits, professional fees, allocated development overhead and other regulatory fees, all as determined in accordance with GAAP.
  
- (2) Restabilized operations is defined as the earlier of
  - (i) attainment of 95% or greater physical occupancy or
  - (ii) the one-year anniversary of completion of redevelopment.

Development Rights

As of March 31, 2008, we are evaluating the future development of 46 new apartment communities on land that is either owned by us, under contract, subject to a leasehold interest or for which we hold either a purchase or lease option. We generally hold Development Rights through options to acquire land, although for 21 of the Development Rights we currently own the land on which a community would be built if we proceeded with development. The Development Rights range from those beginning design and architectural planning to those that have completed site plans and drawings and can begin construction almost immediately. We estimate that the successful completion of all of these communities would ultimately add 13,266 apartment homes to our portfolio. Substantially all of these apartment homes will offer features like those offered by the communities we currently own. At March 31, 2008, there were cumulative capitalized costs (including legal fees, design fees and related overhead costs, but excluding land costs) of \$62,529,000 relating to Development Rights that we consider probable for future development. In addition, land costs related to the pursuit of Development Rights (consisting of original land and additional carrying costs) of \$305,669,000 are reflected as land held for development on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2008.

The properties comprising the Development Rights are in different stages of the due diligence and regulatory approval process. The decisions as to which of the Development Rights to invest in, if any, or to continue to pursue once an investment in a Development Right is made, are business judgments that we make after we perform financial, demographic and other analyses. In the event that we do not proceed with a Development Right, we generally would not recover capitalized costs incurred in the pursuit of those communities, unless we were to recover amounts in connection with the sale of land; however, we cannot guarantee a recovery. Pre-development costs incurred in the pursuit of Development Rights for which future development is not yet considered probable are expensed as incurred. In addition, if the status of a Development Right changes, making future development no longer probable, any capitalized pre-development costs are written-off with a charge to expense.

You should carefully review Section 1a., Risk Factors, of our Form 10-K for a discussion of the risks associated with Development Rights.

	Location	Estimated number of homes	Total capitalized cost (\$ millions) (1)
1.	Randolph, MA	276	\$ 47
2.	Northborough, MA	350	61
3.	Pleasant Hill, CA	422	153
4.	Los Angeles, CA	278	123
5.	Bellevue, WA	396	135
6.	Norwalk, CT	311	85
7.	North Bergen, NJ	164	48
8.	Shelton, CT	251	66
9.	Rockville Centre, NY	349	129
10.	Chicago, IL Phase I	491	173
11.	Wilton, CT	100	24
12.	New York, NY	678	307
13.	Camarillo, CA	309	66
14.	Plymouth, MA Phase II	69	17
15.	Seattle, WA	204	65
16.	Dublin, CA Phase II	405	126
17.	Seattle, WA II	234	76
18.	West Long Branch, NJ	180	34
19.	Brooklyn, NY	825	443
20.	Cohasset, MA	200	38
21.	Greenburgh, NY Phase II	444	112
22.	Kirkland, WA Phase II	189	60
23.	Canoga Park, CA	299	85
24.	Irvine, CA Phase II	179	57
25.	Wheaton, MD	320	107
26.	Andover, MA	115	21
27.	Irvine, CA Phase III	170	73
28.	San Francisco, CA	159	51
29.	Milford, CT	284	45
30.	Highland Park, NJ	119	36
31.	Stratford, CT	146	23
32.	Oyster Bay, NY	150	42
33.	Yonkers, NY	400	88
34.	Concord, MA	150	38
35.	Bloomington, NJ	173	38
36.	North Andover, MA	526	98
37.	Tysons Corner, VA	439	121
38.	Roselle Park, NJ	300	70
39.	Gaithersburg, MD	254	41
40.	Chicago, IL Phase II	491	141
41.	Alexandria, VA	283	73
42.	Hackensack, NJ	230	56
43.	Garden City, NY	160	58



44. Wanaque, NJ	210		45
45. Yaphank, NY	343		57
46. Rockville, MD	241		62
Total	13,266	\$	3,914

- (1) Total capitalized cost includes all capitalized costs incurred to date (if any) and projected to be incurred to develop the respective community, determined in accordance with GAAP, including land acquisition costs, construction costs, real estate taxes, capitalized interest and loan fees, permits, professional fees, allocated development overhead and other regulatory fees.

Insurance and Risk of Uninsured Losses

We carry commercial general liability insurance and property insurance with respect to all of our communities. These policies, and other insurance policies we carry, have policy specifications, insured limits and deductibles that we consider commercially reasonable. There are, however, certain types of losses (such as losses arising from acts of war) that are not insured, in full or in part, because they are either uninsurable or the cost of insurance makes it, in management's view, economically impractical. You should carefully review the discussion under Item 1a., Risk Factors, of our Form 10-K for a discussion of risks associated with an uninsured property or liability loss. Many of our West Coast communities are located in the general vicinity of active earthquake faults. Many of our communities are proximate to, and thus susceptible to, the major fault lines in California, including the San Andreas Fault and the Hayward Fault. We cannot assure you that an earthquake would not cause damage or losses greater than insured levels. We have in place with respect to communities located in California, for any single occurrence and in the aggregate, \$75,000,000 of coverage with a deductible per building equal to five percent of the insured value of that building. The five percent deductible is subject to a minimum of \$100,000 per occurrence. Earthquake coverage outside of California is subject to a \$100,000,000 limit, except with respect to the state of Washington, for which the limit is \$65,000,000. Our earthquake insurance outside of California provides for a \$100,000 deductible per occurrence. In addition, up to a policy aggregate of \$2,000,000, the next \$400,000 of loss per occurrence outside California will be treated as an additional deductible.

On December 1, 2007, we elected to cancel and rewrite our property insurance policy for a 17 month term in order to take advantage of declining insurance premium rates. As a result, our property insurance premium decreased by approximately 15% with no material changes in coverage. The policy now expires on May 1, 2009.

Our annual general liability policy and workman's compensation coverage renewed on August 1, 2007. This policy is in effect until July 31, 2008.

Just as with office buildings, transportation systems and government buildings, there have been reports that apartment communities could become targets of terrorism. In December 2007, Congress passed the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (TRIPRA) which is designed to make terrorism insurance available through a federal back-stop program until 2014. In connection with this legislation, we have purchased insurance for property damage due to terrorism up to \$200,000,000. Additionally, we have purchased insurance for certain terrorist acts, not covered under TRIPRA, such as domestic-based terrorism. This insurance, often referred to as non-certified terrorism insurance, is subject to deductibles, limits and exclusions. Our general liability policy provides TRIPRA coverage (subject to deductibles and insured limits) for liability to third parties that result from terrorist acts at our communities. An additional consideration for insurance coverage and potential uninsured losses is mold growth. Mold growth may occur when excessive moisture accumulates in buildings or on building materials, particularly if the moisture problem remains undiscovered or is not addressed over a period of time. If a significant mold problem arises at one of our communities, we could be required to undertake a costly remediation program to contain or remove the mold from the affected community and could be exposed to other liabilities. For further discussion of the risks and the Company's related prevention and remediation activities, please refer to the discussion under Item 1a, Risk Factors. We may incur costs due to environmental contamination or non-compliance, of environmental contamination in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. We cannot provide assurance that we will have coverage under our existing policies for property damage or liability to third parties arising as a result of exposure to mold or a claim of exposure to mold at one of our communities.

We also carry a Crimeshield policy (also commonly referred to as a fidelity insurance policy or employee dishonesty insurance policy) that protects the company, up to \$3,000,000 per occurrence, from employee theft of money, securities or property.

### Inflation and Deflation

Substantially all of our apartment leases are for a term of one year or less. In an inflationary environment, this may allow us to realize increased rents upon renewal of existing leases or the beginning of new leases. Short-term leases generally minimize our risk from the adverse effects of inflation, although these leases generally permit residents to leave at the end of the lease term and therefore expose us to the effect of a decline in market rents. In a deflationary rent environment, we may be exposed to declining rents more quickly under these shorter-term leases.

### Forward-Looking Statements

This Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements as that term is defined under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can identify forward-looking statements by our use of the words believe, expect, anticipate, intend, estimate, assume, project, plan, may, shall, will and other similar expressions in this Form 10-Q indicate future events and trends and that do not report historical matters. These statements include, among other things, statements regarding our intent, belief or expectations with respect to:

- our potential development, redevelopment, acquisition or disposition of communities;

- the timing and cost of completion of apartment communities under construction, reconstruction, development or redevelopment;

- the timing of lease-up, occupancy and stabilization of apartment communities;

- the pursuit of land on which we are considering future development;

- the anticipated operating performance of our communities;

- cost, yield and earnings estimates;

- our declaration or payment of distributions;

- our joint venture and discretionary fund activities;

- our policies regarding investments, indebtedness, acquisitions, dispositions, financings and other matters;

- our qualification as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code;

- the real estate markets in Northern and Southern California and markets in selected states in the Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, New England, Metro NY/NJ and Pacific Northwest regions of the United States and in general;

- the availability of debt and equity financing;

- interest rates;

- general economic conditions; and

- trends affecting our financial condition or results of operations.

We cannot assure the future results or outcome of the matters described in these statements; rather, these statements merely reflect our current expectations of the approximate outcomes of the matters discussed. You should not rely on forward-looking statements because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are beyond our control. These risks, uncertainties and other factors may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from the anticipated future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. You should carefully review the discussion under Item 1a, Risk Factors,

on our Form 10-K for a discussion of risks associated with forward-looking statements.

In addition, these forward-looking statements represent our estimates and assumptions only as of the date of this report. We do not undertake a duty to update these forward-looking statements, and therefore they may not represent our estimates and assumptions after the date of this report.

Some of the factors that could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the following:

we may fail to secure development opportunities due to an inability to reach agreements with third parties to obtain land at attractive prices or to obtain desired zoning and other local approvals;

we may abandon or defer development opportunities for a number of reasons, including changes in local market conditions which make development less desirable, increases in costs of development and increases in the cost of capital, resulting in losses;

construction costs of a community may exceed our original estimates;

we may not complete construction and lease-up of communities under development or redevelopment on schedule, resulting in increased interest costs and construction costs and a decrease in our expected rental revenues;

occupancy rates and market rents may be adversely affected by competition and local economic and market conditions which are beyond our control;

financing may not be available on favorable terms or at all, and our cash flows from operations and access to cost effective capital may be insufficient for the development of our pipeline which could limit our pursuit of opportunities;

our cash flows may be insufficient to meet required payments of principal and interest, and we may be unable to refinance existing indebtedness or the terms of such refinancing may not be as favorable as the terms of existing indebtedness;

we may be unsuccessful in our management of the Fund and the Fund REIT; and

we may be unsuccessful in managing changes in our portfolio composition.

#### Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to use judgment in the application of accounting policies, including making estimates and assumptions. If our judgment or interpretation of the facts and circumstances relating to various transactions had been different, or different assumptions were made, it is possible that different accounting policies would have been applied, resulting in different financial results or a different presentation of our financial statements. Below is a discussion of the accounting policies that we consider critical to an understanding of our financial condition and operating results that may require complex or significant judgment in their application or require estimates about matters which are inherently uncertain. A discussion of our significant accounting policies, including further discussion of the accounting policies described below, can be found in Note 1, *Organization and Significant Accounting Policies* of our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### *Principles of Consolidation*

We may enter into various joint venture agreements with unrelated third parties to hold or develop real estate assets. We must determine for each of these ventures, whether to consolidate the entity or account for our investment under the equity or cost basis of accounting.

We determine whether to consolidate certain entities based on our rights and obligations under the joint venture agreements, applying the guidance of FIN 46(R), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (as revised) and Emerging Issues Task Force Issue No. 04-5, Determining Whether a General Partner, or the General Partners as a Group, Controls a Limited Partnership or Similar Entity When the Limited Partners Have Certain Rights. For investment interests that we do not consolidate, we look to the guidance in AICPA Statement of Position 78-9,

Accounting for Investments in Real Estate Ventures, Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 18, The Equity Method of Accounting for Investments in Common Stock, and Emerging Issues Task Force Topic D-46, Accounting for Limited Partnership Investments, to determine the accounting framework to apply. The application of these rules in evaluating the accounting treatment for each joint venture is complex and requires substantial management judgment. Therefore, we believe the decision to choose an appropriate accounting framework is a critical accounting estimate.

If we were to consolidate the joint ventures that we accounted for using the equity method at March 31, 2008, our assets would have increased by \$1,039,512,000 and our liabilities would have increased by \$758,311,000. We would be required to consolidate those joint ventures currently not consolidated for financial reporting purposes if the facts and circumstances changed, including but not limited to the following reasons, none of which are currently expected to occur:

For entities not considered to be variable interest entities under FIN 46(R), the nature of the entity changed such that it would be considered a variable interest entity.

For entities in which we do not hold a controlling voting and/or variable interest, the contractual arrangement changes resulting in our investment interest being either a controlling voting and/or variable interest.

We evaluate our accounting for investments on a quarterly basis or when a significant change in the design of an entity occurs.

#### *Cost Capitalization*

We capitalize costs during the development of assets beginning when we determine that development of a future asset is probable until the asset, or a portion of the asset, is delivered and is ready for its intended use. For redevelopment efforts, we capitalize costs either (i) in advance of taking homes out of service when significant renovation of the common area has begun until the redevelopment is completed, or (ii) when an apartment home is taken out of service for redevelopment until the redevelopment is completed and the apartment home is available for a new resident. Rental income and operating expenses incurred during the initial lease-up or post-redevelopment lease-up period are fully recognized as they accrue.

During the development and redevelopment efforts we capitalize all direct and those indirect costs which have been incurred as a result of the development and redevelopment activities. These costs include interest and related loan fees, property taxes as well as other direct and indirect costs. Interest is capitalized for any project specific financing, as well as for general corporate financing to the extent of our aggregate investment in the projects. Indirect project costs, which include personnel and office and administrative costs that are clearly associated with our development and redevelopment efforts are also capitalized. The estimation of the direct and indirect costs to capitalize as part of our development and redevelopment activities requires judgment, and as such, we believe cost capitalization to be a critical accounting estimate.

There may be a change in our operating expenses in the event that there are changes in accounting guidance governing capitalization or changes to development or redevelopment activity. If changes in the accounting guidance limit our ability to capitalize costs or if we reduce our development and redevelopment activities without a corresponding decrease in indirect project costs, there may be an increase in our operating expenses. For example, if for the three months ended March 31, 2008 our development activities decreased by 10%, and there were no corresponding decrease in our indirect project costs, our operating expenses would have increased by \$716,000.

We capitalize pre-development costs incurred in pursuit of Development Rights for which we currently believe future development is probable. These costs include legal fees, design fees and related overhead costs. Future development of these pursuits is dependent upon various factors, including zoning and regulatory approval, rental market conditions, construction costs and availability of capital. Pre-development costs incurred in the pursuit of Development Rights for which future development is not yet considered probable are expensed as incurred. In addition, if the status of a Development Right changes, making future development no longer probable, any capitalized pre-development costs are written-off with a charge to expense.

Due to the subjectivity in determining whether a pursuit will result in the acquisition or development of an apartment community, and therefore should be capitalized, the accounting for pursuit costs is a critical accounting estimate. If it were determined that 10% of our capitalized pursuits were no longer probable of occurring, net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 would have decreased by \$6,253,000.

#### *Asset Impairment Evaluation*

We apply the provisions of SFAS No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*, to determine the need for performing impairment analyses, as well as to measure the loss if an impairment has occurred on a regular basis, considering qualitative economic factors. Because each asset is unique, requiring significant management judgment, we believe that the asset impairment evaluation is a critical accounting estimate.

Management judgment is required both to determine if a significant event has occurred, such that an impairment analysis is necessary, as well as for the assessment and measurement of any potential impairment. To perform the impairment analysis, we must estimate the undiscounted future cash flows associated with the asset, which in the case of an apartment community would be the NOI, as well as potential disposition proceeds for a given asset. Forecasting cash flows requires assumptions about such variables as the estimated holding period, rental rates, occupancy and operating expenses during the holding period as well as disposition proceeds. In addition, when an impairment has occurred, we must estimate the discount factor, or market capitalization rate to apply to the undiscounted cash flows to derive the fair value of the position. The market capitalization rate is influenced by many factors, including national and local economic conditions, as well as the location and quality of the asset.

Changes in the future cash flows associated with an asset have a direct, linear relationship to the fair value of the position. For example, if there is a 10% decline in the estimated NOI for a community, there would be a corresponding decrease in the fair value of that asset of 10%. Changes in the market capitalization rate have an inverse relationship with the fair value of an asset, with a decrease in the market capitalization rate resulting in an increase in the fair value of the asset. For example, an asset that is valued at \$80,000,000 when using a five percent market capitalization rate will increase in value to \$100,000,000 if the market capitalization rate decreases by one percent to four percent, and to \$133,000,000 if the market capitalization rate decreases by two percent, to a three percent market capitalization rate.

For the three months ended March 31, 2008, we did not recognize any impairment in value associated with our investments or long-lived assets. We cannot predict the occurrence of future events that may cause an impairment assessment to be performed.

*REIT Status*

We are a Maryland corporation that has elected to be treated, for federal income tax purposes, as a REIT. We elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 ( the Code ), as amended, for the year ended December 31, 1994 and have not revoked such election. A corporate REIT is a legal entity which holds real estate interests and must meet a number of organizational and operational requirements, including a requirement that it currently distribute at least 90% of its adjusted taxable income to stockholders. As a REIT, we generally will not be subject to corporate level federal income tax on taxable income if we distribute 100% of taxable income to our stockholders over time periods allowed under the Code. If we fail to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year, we will be subject to federal and state income taxes at regular corporate rates (subject to any applicable alternative minimum tax) and may not be able to elect to qualify as a REIT for four subsequent taxable years. For example, if we failed to qualify as a REIT in 2007, our net income would have decreased by approximately \$119,800,000.

Our qualification as a REIT requires management to exercise significant judgment and consideration with respect to operational matters and accounting treatment. Therefore, we believe our REIT status is a critical accounting estimate.



## Part I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

There have been no material changes to our exposures to market risk since December 31, 2007.

### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

#### (a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.

The Company carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2008. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

We continue to review and document our disclosure controls and procedures, including our internal controls and procedures for financial reporting, and may from time to time make changes aimed at enhancing their effectiveness and to ensure that our systems evolve with our business.

#### (b) Changes in internal controls over financial reporting.

None.

## Part II. OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

As reported in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, we are seeking compensatory damages, as well as punitive and treble damages, in a complaint we filed in October 2007 in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria) against a former vice president of the Company who had authority over repair and capital improvements at existing communities (*AvalonBay Communities, Inc. v. James R. Willden*, amended on April 16, 2008). The complaint alleges, among other things, that the former employee colluded to receive payments from San Jose Water Conservation Corp., a vendor ( San Jose ) in exchange for approving invoices. We previously filed a complaint in the same court against this vendor and its president (*AvalonBay Communities, Inc. v. San Jose Water Conservation Corp. and Michael P. Schroll*). On April 2, 2008, the court issued a summary judgment order in the San Jose/Schroll case, ruling in AvalonBay's favor and awarding AvalonBay treble damages under the Federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act (RICO). The defendants have filed a notice of appeal. Our fidelity bond insurer, as subrogee, will have a claim on portions of the amounts collected, if any. There is no guarantee that we or our insurer will be able to actually collect from San Jose or Schroll any portion of the judgment. Our lawsuit against James R. Willden, relating to the same matters, is still pending. We continue to investigate these and other payments approved by or under the supervision of this former employee and may amend this complaint or file additional complaints against other parties involved in these matters. We do not expect that the loss related to this matter will be material to our results of operations or financial condition.

## Item 1a. Risk Factors

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results discussed in the Form 10-K in Part I, Item 1a. Risk Factors. The risks described in the Form 10-K are not the only risks that could affect the Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results in the future. There have been no material changes to our risk factors since December 31, 2007.

## Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None.

## Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Period	(a) Total Number of Shares Purchased (1)	(b) Average Price Paid per Share	(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	(d) Maximum Dollar Amount that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (in thousands) (2)
January 1- January 31, 2008	483,036	\$ 87.42	482,100	
February 1 - February 29, 2008				\$ 200,000
March 1- March 31, 2008	35,899	\$ 92.44		\$ 200,000

(1) Includes 936 shares in January and 35,899 shares in March surrendered to the Company in connection with vesting of restricted stock as payment of exercise price or as payment of taxes.

(2) On February 5, 2008, the Board

of Directors  
voted to  
increase the  
aggregate  
purchase price  
of shares that  
may be  
purchased under  
the Company's  
Stock  
Repurchase  
Program by  
\$200,000,000 to  
\$500,000,000.  
In determining  
whether to  
repurchase  
shares, we  
consider a  
variety of  
factors,  
including  
among other  
things our  
liquidity needs,  
corporate and  
legal  
requirements,  
the then current  
market price of  
our shares,  
market  
conditions, and  
the effect of the  
share  
repurchases on  
our per share  
earnings and  
FFO. There is  
no scheduled  
expiration date  
to this program.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

None.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

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Exhibit No.	Description
3(i).1	Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Articles of Incorporation of AvalonBay Communities (the Company ), dated as of June 4, 1998. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(i).1 to Form 10-K of the Company filed on March 1, 2007.)
3(i).2	Articles of Amendment, dated as of October 2, 1998. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1(ii) to Form 10-K of the Company filed on March 1, 2007.)
3(i).3	Articles Supplementary, dated as of October 13, 1998, relating to the 8.70% Series H Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(i).3 to Form 10-K of the Company filed on March 1, 2007.)
3(ii).1	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, as adopted by the Board of Directors on February 13, 2003. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(ii) to Form 10-K of the Company filed March 11, 2003.)
4.1	Second Supplemental Indenture of Avalon Properties, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as Avalon Properties ) dated as of December 16, 1997. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Form 10-K of the Company filed March 11, 2003.)
4.2	Indenture for Senior Debt Securities, dated as of January 16, 1998, between the Company and State Street Bank and Trust Company, as Trustee. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Registration Statement on Form S-3 of the Company (File No. 333-139839), filed January 8, 2007.)
4.3	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 20, 1998, between the Company and the State Street Bank and Trust Company as Trustee. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Registration Statement on Form S-3 of the Company (File No. 333-139839), filed January 8, 2007.)
4.4	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of July 7, 1998, between the Company and State Street Bank and Trust Company as Trustee. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Registration Statement on Form S-3 of the Company (File No. 333-139839), filed January 8, 2007.)
4.5	Amended and Restated Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of July 10, 2000 between the Company and State Street Bank and Trust Company as Trustee. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to Registration Statement on Form S-3 of the Company (File No. 333-139839), filed January 8, 2007.)
4.6	Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 18, 2006 between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to Registration Statement on Form S-3 of the Company (File No. 333-139839), filed January 8, 2007.)
4.7	Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan of the Company. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 8.1 to Registration Statement on Form S-3 of the Company (File No. 333-87063), filed September 14, 1999.)

- 4.8           Amendment to the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan filed on December 17, 1999. (Incorporated by reference to the Prospectus Supplement filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 on December 17, 1999.)

Exhibit No.	Description
4.9	Amendment to the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan filed on March 26, 2004. (Incorporated by reference to the Prospectus Supplement filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933 on March 26, 2004.)
4.10	Amendment to the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan filed on May 15, 2006. (Incorporated by reference to the Prospectus Supplement filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933 on May 15, 2006.)
12.1	Statements re: Computation of Ratios. (Filed herewith.)
31.1	Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Chief Executive Officer.) (Filed herewith.)
31.2	Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Chief Financial Officer.) (Filed herewith.)
32	Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.) (Furnished herewith.)

**SIGNATURES**

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

**AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.**

Date: May 8, 2008

/s/ Bryce Blair  
Bryce Blair  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 8, 2008

/s/ Thomas J. Sargeant  
Thomas J. Sargeant  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)